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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Revised April 6, 2021

**PRESENT:** Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Brian Begun, Sandi Bell, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Tariq El-Atrache, Carolyn Greenwood, Marie Javdani, Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Daniel Osztreicher, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent (arrived 7:15), Brad Vanderhoof and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

**ABSENT:** Esperanza Butler and Alec Uzameck

**President Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.**  
**Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.**  
**Vice President Char Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.**  
**The minutes from the January 2021 meeting were approved.**

**21-0004** - Approval of the WHNC's December Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)

Yes – 21, No -0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0

**The MER is approved.**

#### New Business:

**21-0005** -- Budget Request in the amount of \$250 for payment to Iris Perez for painting 2 utility boxes; Budget Line item 20:

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 2, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The Budget Request is approved.**

**21-0006** -- Budget Request in the amount of \$100.00 for 33 certificate frames. Budget; Line Item 1:

Yes – 22, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The Budget Request is approved.**

**21-0007** -- Revised Budget Request in the amount of \$7,175.65 for 2021 Board Elections; Budget Line Items 10 and 39:

Vote on the amendment to the agenda motion;

Yes – 20, No – 2, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The Budget Request is approved.**

Vote on the amended agenda motion;

Yes – 14, No – 6, Abstain – 1, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The Budget Request is approved.**

**21-0008 --** LAUSD proposal for the Highlander Road school site and a letter approved by Zoning & Planning on Jan. 25, 2021:

Vote on the amendment to the agenda motion;

Yes – 10, No – 10, Abstain – 01 Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The amendment fails to pass.**

Vote on approving the letter as written and presented as agenda item 21-0008;

Yes – 14, No – 6, Abstain – 1, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The letter is approved.**

**President Dan Brin adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM and will be held electronically.



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### BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2021

**PRESENT:** Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Brian Begun, Sandi Bell, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Esperanza Butler, Carolyn Greenwood, Marie Javdani, Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Daniel Osztreicher, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

**ABSENT:** Bob Brostoff and Alec Uzemeck

**President Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.**

**Vice President Char Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The minutes from the December 2020 meeting were approved as amended.**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood gave the Treasurer's Report. The only items on the November Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) were normal ongoing expenses for Rackspace and The Web Corner.

**21-0001** - Approval of the WHNC's November Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)

Yes – 21, No -0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 1

**The MER is approved.**

#### **Controller's Report:**

Controller Saif Mogri reported the December spending. There were only two (2) invoices for standard recurring expenses (Rackspace and The Web Corner). An invoice from Apple One was received too late for payment in December. The Controller's Report matches the City Clerk's website.

#### **Budget Report:**

Carolyn Greenwood gave the Budget Report. A few details in the report need minor corrections but the bottom line matches the MER. Carolyn said she has not heard that any event approval forms are being approved due to the stay-at-home order precipitated by COVID-19 concerns. The WHNC currently has a balance of \$32K and there has been no indication if a rollover of funds will be authorized at the end of the fiscal year.

### **Chair Comments:**

President Brin acknowledged the “traumatic and exhilarating events on the national level” referring to the disruption of the Senate confirmation of the Electoral College vote count with the messages “hang on” and “local democracy has been kept alive and healthy.”

### **Announcements:**

Betty Wong-Oyama, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate – Gave some guidelines on handling public comment.

1. A member of the public can comment on any subject matter within the Board’s jurisdiction and that may include derogatory remarks about a Board member.
2. Board members should not respond even if they feel attacked or insulted.
3. The Chair can remind speakers to keep their remarks within the Board’s jurisdiction but cannot stop or censor disparaging remarks about the Board or a member of the Board.

Eric Moody, District Director, CD 12 – Happy New Year. The City Council has been in recess since the middle of December and will return to work Tuesday. The office is still working as usual with programs like Lunches With Love and Senior Meal Delivery. L.A. Sanitation reports it is experiencing a staff shortage of 40% due to COVID-19. This might cause delays in trash pickup. Waste Management faces a similar problem and may have delays. Councilmember Lee is committed to reopening the West Valley Animal Shelter with City management and staff. They are waiting on a plan from Animal Services to accomplish this. The Angel Fund is ready to go and stakeholders who need assistance can apply.

Betty Wong-Oyama, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate – Happy 2021. Board members should not discuss with or try and influence other Board members on upcoming agenda items before the Board meeting. These actions could be Brown Act violations through serial communication. The new Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for the WHNC, upon Betty’s retirement on Jan. 15, will be Alziri Camarena.

### **Upcoming Training via Zoom:**

NC Funding for treasurers and second signers – Jan. 12, 2-4 p.m.; Jan. 21, 10-11:30 p.m.; Jan. 26, 6-8 p.m.

Contact Paola Posada with any renewal-of-contract issues NCs need to provide an updated inventory of equipment owned by the NC to NC Funding. Due to the stay-at-home order, only virtual events are allowed at this time. The Department advises against volunteering at this time.

Dan Brin added there are candidate information workshops for NC elections on Jan. 16 and 30.

Tessa Charnofsky, District Director, Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 – The County eviction moratorium is extended through Feb. 28. Renters still must pay 25% of their rent. She offered to connect tenants and landlords who may be struggling to make payments with the L.A. County Development Authority for assistance. The federal government soon will release funds for rent and housing expense relief. The City should receive about \$119 million and the County \$160 million sometime in February. The COVID-19 vaccine rollout is in phase 1A tier 2, which includes health care workers and employees and residents of enhanced-care and assisted-living facilities. In February the rollout should enter phase 1B, making vaccine available for those age 75 and older. She will send information on signing up for vaccine alerts and updates.

Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement & Data Specialist, LAUSD – Open enrollment ends Jan. 31. Call (213) 341-3840 or email [champ@lausd.net](mailto:champ@lausd.net). The International Newcomer Conference for recently-immigrated high school students will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, via Zoom. Sadly, two members of the LAUSD family passed away over the holidays: Christina Hilario from Hamlin Elementary and Jay Canedo at Haynes Street Elementary

Dan Brin added that WHNC Board member Joan Trent’s husband also passed away recently.

Patricia Bates, Budget Advocates, Region 3 – She did not get a report from the executive committee. The Chief Accounting Officer for the City of Los Angeles released a second report for the current fiscal year. The report called for

\$88 million of \$150 million in cuts to come from the LAPD budget. The report is in CF 20-0600-S83. The Mayor vetoed the plan.

### **Certificate of Appreciation:**

Bobbyboyar Neighbors – President Brin introduced Beautification Committee Co-chairs Faye Barta and Brad Vanderhoof. Faye described the group’s accomplishments keeping a large stretch of a major West Hills street looking good and announced the certificates for:

Rich Kraveitz  
Mike McGann  
Claudio Company  
Paul Sauter  
Luke Sauter

Claudio thanked the Board and said the work makes them feel better about the neighborhood. Faye then introduced Heidi Manning, who nominated the Bobbyboyar group. Heidi said this is an ongoing effort on the west side of Woodlake between Saticoy and Cohasset.

### **Committee & Liaison Reports:**

Joanne Yvanek-Garb said the Government Relations Committee meeting is this Monday. Marie Javdani said the Homelessness Liaisons are working on an NC election outreach strategies for individuals experiencing homelessness. Thomas Booth said the Homelessness Committee will meet on the second Monday of the month in January and February due to holidays. He also said the West Valley Neighborhood Council Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH) is planning a Town Hall with California State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel and California State Sen. Henry Stern to discuss state initiatives concerning homelessness. The town hall will be virtual and is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 18, 6-7 p/m. Char Rothstein said the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting will be on Jan. 25.

### **Old Business:**

**20-0130** -- CIS regarding City Council File 20-0002-S137, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City’s position regarding the City’s 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for H.R. 8015 (Maloney), Delivering for America Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office’s functions: Faye Barta explained this resolution recommends that the federal government buy personal protective equipment for postal workers and repeal the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act, which compels the USPS to provide for a \$72 million trust fund to cover pension costs over 75 years. This would change the USPS from an organization building mounting debt to a profitable branch of government. Dan Brin said some pension funds are in financial trouble, but the majority are in stable shape due to the recent investment climate.

CIS in Support of CF 20-0002-S137

Yes – 22, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The CIS is approved.**

**20-0131** — CIS regarding City Council File 20-002-S138, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City’s position regarding the City’s 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for H.R. 7015, which would appropriate \$40 billion to the United States Postal Service (USPS) and prioritize the purchase of personal protective equipment; and HR 2382, which would repeal the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act.

CIS in Support of CF 20-0002-S138

Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 3, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The CIS is approved.**

**20-0132** — CIS regarding 20-0002-S145, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City’s position regarding the City’s 2019 / 2020 Federal Legislative Program for any administrative or legislative action that would prohibit forced hysterectomies at United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. In conjunction with the Public Health Committee:

Anthony Scarce moved to amend the CIS by adding the word ‘coerced’ after the word ‘forced’ in the CIS.  
Brian Begun seconded.

*GR Position: Support for the City’s position to support any administrative or legislative action to prohibit forced or coerced hysterectomies at ICE detention facilities should be included in the City of Los Angeles’s 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program.*

Amendment to the CIS

Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused — 0

**The CIS is amended.**

CIS in favor of CF 20-0002-S145

Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused — 0

**The CIS is approved.**

**New Business:**

**21-0002** – Board vote to fill a vacant seat on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board of Directors:

Candidates Bethany Jones, Tariq El-Atrache and Isabel Naturman spoke about themselves and why they want to join the WHNC Board. Candidate Cara Macintosh was not present.

Steve Randall said the Ad Hoc vacancy Committee recommends Tariq El-Atrache.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof explained the WHNC Bylaws require a majority vote; a plurality or “most votes” is not sufficient. If a majority is not achieved on the first ballot, a runoff will be required.

**First Ballot:**

Bethany Jones – 3

Tariq El-Atrache – 11

Isabel Naturman – 8

A majority was not achieved.

**Second Ballot:**

Tariq El-Atrache – 13

Isabel Naturman – 9

**Tariq El-Atrache is named a Member at Large of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board of Directors.**

President Dan Brin welcomed Tariq and reminded him he needs to take the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment required Neighborhood Council training.

**21-0003** — CD12 requested real estate proposal for 9041 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

Thomas Booth described the lot in question. Steve Randall raised an objection to the wording of the agenda item. He felt it implies CD 12 asked the WHNC for a proposal for that particular property, which is not the case. Myrl Schreiber asked if stakeholders have been consulted. Thomas said nothing gets built without community involvement. Marie Javdani agreed with Myrl that the opinions of stakeholders are needed. Reeyan Raynes encouraged the WHNC to engage the Chatsworth and Canoga Park Neighborhood Councils due to the proximity of the lot to their NC borders. He also commented the lot is very small and will pose design and construction difficulties with required setbacks from the property line. Glenn Bailey brought up the ease of access to the nearby Metro Orange Line. Thomas said the site is in an area identified as a Quality Transit Route.

Faye Barta, Bonnie Klea and Joan Trent left the meeting.

Thomas Booth moved to present this site to CD 12 with a recommendation that it be evaluated as a possibility for a housing project. Anthony Scarce seconded.

Yes – 18, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

**The motion carries.**

**Public Comment:**

Glenn Bailey – At the next Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) meeting, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. (online), the guest speaker will be Adel H. Hagekhalil, executive Ddirector and general manager, Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA). The Mayor’s new West Valley deputy also will be invited. If they cannot make this month’s meeting, they will attend the VANC meeting in March or April.

Reeyan Raynes – The Historic Landmark status for the March Avenue palm trees is coming up for approval.

**Dan Brin adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4, 2021 at 7 p.m. and will be held electronically.

# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: December 2020 Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$32318.46	\$212.40	\$32106.06	\$2034.90	\$0.00	\$30071.16

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$31042.91	\$212.40	\$21508.85	\$2034.90	\$19473.95
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$957.09	\$0.00	\$957.09	\$0.00	\$957.09
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$9321.66	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	12/22/2020	WHNC email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$62.40
2	THE WEB CORNER, INC	12/01/2020	Monthly website	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$212.40</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	01/08/2021	Executive Director services	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$2034.90
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$2034.90</b>

Agenda Item - 21-0004 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's December Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)



West Hills Neighborhood Council  
Controller's Report 12/31/20

Vendor/Payee	Budget Status Line Item	Balance (Pre/Post)	Committee Agenda	Committee Approval	Budget Agenda	Budget Approval	Budget Request Form NPG Request	Board Agenda	Board Approval	Transaction Date / Processed by City	Amount Paid	Notes/Invoice No.
The Web Corner	7	\$1,800/\$1,650	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/1/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website
Rack Space	8	\$830.54/\$765.74	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/21/2020	\$64.80	Email Server
The Web Corner	7	\$1,650/\$1,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/1/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website
Rack Space	8	\$765.74/\$703.34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/21/2020	\$62.40	Email Server
The Web Corner	7	\$1,500/\$1,350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9/1/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website
Apple One	10	\$17,641.80/ \$15,619.35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	05/30/2020 09/18/2020	\$2,022.45	Executive Assistant
Apple One	10	\$15,619.35/\$14,262.75								07/15/2020 09/18/2020	\$1,356.60	Executive Assistant/
Apple One	10	\$14,262.75/\$12,567								08/08/2020 09/18/2020	\$1,695.75	Executive Assistant
Go Daddy	11	\$21.17/\$0.0								9/23/2020	\$21.17	WHNC Domain
Rack Space	8	\$703.34/\$648.14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9/23/2020	\$55.20	Email Server
Rack Space	8	\$648.14/\$592.94								10/24/2020	\$55.20	Email Server/8277497
Apple One	10	\$12,567/\$11,210.40								10/8/2020	\$1,356.60	Assistant/S8409513
The Web Corner	7	\$1,350/\$1,200								10/4/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21015
All Printing Services	12	\$5,000/\$4,583.90		7/29/2020				9/3/2020	9/3/2020	10/1/2020	\$416.10	Halloween Printing Services/125375
Amazon.com	12	\$4,583.90/\$4,540.20		7/29/2020				9/3/2020	9/3/2020	10/26/2020	\$43.70	Certificate Holders/5524205
Amazon.com	12	\$4,540.20/\$4,496.50		7/29/2020				9/3/2020	9/3/2020	10/29/2020	\$43.70	Certificate Holders/5503441
Amazon.com	12	\$4,496.50/\$4,540.20		7/29/2020				9/3/2020	9/3/2020	10/29/2020	-\$43.70	Certificate Holders Double Charge Refund/5503441
Rack Space	8	\$592.94/\$527.85								11/24/2020	\$65.09	Email Server/8353594
Apple One	10	\$11,210.40/\$9,853.80								11/4/2020	\$1,356.60	Executive Assistant/S8434339
The Web Corner	7	\$1,200/\$1050								11/3/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21171
Rack Space	8	\$527.85/\$463.65								12/23/2020	\$62.40	Email Server/8429479
The Web Corner	7	\$1050/\$900								12/4/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21302
Apple One	10	\$9,853.80/\$7,818.90								1/28/2021	\$2,034.90	Executive Assistant/S8497030
The Web Corner	7	\$900/\$750								1/1/2021	\$150.00	
Rack Space	8	\$463.65/\$401.25								1/24/2021	\$62.40	Monthly Website/21461
											\$11,781.36	



Agenda Item 21-0005 - Discussion and possible action on approving Budget Request in the amount of \$250 for payment to Iris Perez for painting 2 utility boxes; Streets & Transportation Committee Budget Line item 20

# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Spending Request Form

Please print legibly or type

Date of submission:  Committee Name:   
Chairperson/Stakeholder:  Date Approved by Committee:   
Phone:  Email:

Event/Activity:

Total Amount Requested:  Budget Line Item:

Justification for request. This must include a statement about how the event/activity benefits the stakeholders of West Hills.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List all expense items, quantities, and amounts:

Item & Quantity	Amount
<input type="text" value="Payment to Artist Iris Peretz"/>	<input type="text" value="\$250.00"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved  Budget Approved  Board Approved



Agenda Item 21-0005 - Discussion and possible action on approving Budget Request in the amount of \$250 for payment to Iris Perez for painting 2 utility boxes; Streets & Transportation Committee  
Budget Line item 20

		Subtotal	250
		Sales Tax	
		Total	250

Make all checks payable to Iris Peretz

***Thank you for your business!***

# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Spending Request Form

Please print legibly or type

Date Of Submission: 01/12/2021

Committee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson/Stakeholder: Michelle Ritchie

Date Approved By Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: michelle.ritchie@westhillsnc.org

Event/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Request: \$100.00

Budget Line Item: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for request. This must include a statement about how the event/activity benefits the stakeholders.

To be used for presentation of WHNC Certificates of Appreciation to various West Hills recipients. \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

### List all expense items, quantities and amounts:

Items & Quantity:

Amount:

Certificate Frame Holders

\$3.00 each

For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved

Budget Approved

Board Approved

# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Spending Request Form

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Date of submission:

Committee Name:

Chairperson/Stakeholder:

Date Approved by Committee:

Phone:

Email:

Event/Activity

Total Amount Requested:

Budget Line Item:

Justification for request. This must include a statement about how the event/activity benefits the stakeholders of West Hills.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List all expense items, quantities, and amounts:

Item & Quantity	Amount
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For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved

Budget Approved

Board Approved

ITEM #  
21-0008

Via US Mail & Email

Los Angeles Unified School District  
333 So. Beaudry Avenue  
Loa Angeles, CA 90017  
AND  
Councilmember John Lee  
Los Angeles City Council

**RE: LAUSD's Proposed Employees' Affordable Housing at  
the Highlander Rd. Site**

Dear Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ and Councilmember Lee:

One of the mandates of the Board of Directors of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) is to safeguard the safety and interests of its stakeholders.

A large majority of stakeholders who reside near and around the 7.3-acre site of the former Highlander Rd. Elementary School, 23834 Highlander Rd., West Hills, CA 91307, are and continue to be opposed to the LAUSD plan to select developers to build rental housing for its teachers and employees and "for other members of the community", pursuant to AB 3308, on the Highlander site space that was originally designed and used for an elementary school.

As they did in 2017 when LAUSD proposed the building of a large visual and performing arts high school at the Highlander site, the Highlander stakeholders have once again come to the WHNC, seeking support in opposing the building of any such housing on very basic but extremely strong grounds of safety, traffic, noise and pollution, protection of quality of life issues of present residents, and feasibility issues that would endanger lives. The danger and damage to



stakeholders in this area will be severe should this proposal be approved. The reasons are many, but we present you only a few:

### Traffic and Safety

1. The sole public street access to the site is Highlander Rd., a totally single-family residential, east/west collector street which already accommodates at least 1,500 cars daily. Adding traffic from a 7.3 acre housing project will greatly increase the existing traffic dilemma.
2. No less than **eight** totally residential north/south streets feed into Highlander. That sole public street accesses two very busy and accident-prone north/south major highways, which are Platt Avenue and Valley Circle Blvd. Traffic statistics show that each of those major highways carry upwards of approximately 20,000 cars per day. There are traffic control signals at both the east and west termini of Highlander Rd. The traffic control signal at Highlander and Valley Circle was installed approximately two years ago. A copy of the LADOT traffic study from 2015 to support the 2018 installation of the traffic control signal at Highlander and Valley Circle, proving the already existing major dangerous traffic flow, is attached as Exhibit A.
3. The Streets and Transportation Committee of the WHNC has identified this area as a troubled traffic area with speeding drivers who completely ignore stop signs, including teenagers traveling that route as a shortcut to high schools in the area. Just the ingress and egress for a 7.3 acre housing project would add many more vehicles to a street already plagued by speeding drivers. In fact, in September, 2015, a pedestrian was **struck and killed** by a speeding vehicle travelling eastbound on Highlander, directly in front of the school site.

4. Occupants of a 7.3 acre housing site (approximately 150 or more “households”) could add at least 300 to 400 more cars to Highlander’s already very busy traffic flow. Further, parking for that number of cars may not be accommodated on the 7.3 acre site, leaving only two-lane Highlander (and various side streets) to absorb the overflow. The congestion would result in gridlock, and emergency vehicles would be impacted. Mail delivery and trash pick-up on Highlander would be impacted, and it would be difficult for fire trucks and ambulances to accommodate any emergency should one occur. The additional noise and pollution from the increased traffic would detrimentally affect the neighborhood.
5. Additionally, the influx of many more residents would also detrimentally affect the protection of and life issues of the present residents of the neighborhood.
6. In 2019, WHNC’s Cultural, Community and Senior Center (CCS) Committee held numerous meetings with LAUSD’s Board member Scott Schmerelson to discuss the possibility of locating a CCS center at the Highlander site. Those communications also included CD 12 Councilmember John Lee.

Those meetings are still ongoing. However, the housing plan totally omits any reference of such a CCS center. The WHNC and CD 12 do not understand why Highlander is included in the housing list when it was already being considered for another, very important use.

7. Further, the Highlander community has always expressed that the community needs an elementary school or a pre-school or a middle school and is fully in favor of WHNC’s CCS center



plans. The Highlander property is large enough to support both a school and a cultural, community and senior center.

8. LAUSD is also ignoring the fact of the anticipated growth of Warner Center in the neighboring community of Woodland Hills, projected at over 19,000 units. That growth will result in 4,000 to 5,000 new students. The Highlander site is one of only three vacant school sites in the West Valley which can accommodate the new schools which will be necessary to accommodate those new students.
9. The LAUSD proposal also allows for a “developer exchange”. LAUSD’s Chief Facilities Executive, Mark Hovatter, said fears of homeless housing were unfounded, but once properties are exchanged to a developer, it’s out of LAUSD’s control as to what happens with them. LAUSD’s plan for housing on vacant school sites may be predicated upon such exchanges.
10. Last but not least, the presentation of LAUSD’s plan at this point in time, when a pandemic is raging, and many stakeholders have experienced loss of family, jobs, even the ability of sending their children to school, and the “end” is still not in sight, is extremely insensitive to the stakeholders during this period of trouble and sorrow.

### **Conclusion**

LAUSD’s plan to use Highlander for housing is in total disregard for traffic and safety, noise and pollution, protection and quality of life, the Highlander community and the WHNC’s input. Furthermore, the plan is in total opposition with the community’s wishes for a CCS center and/or an elementary or pre-school or middle school on that site. The Board of the WHNC strongly urges LAUSD to reconsider its plans to build housing at the Highlander site.

The Board of the WHNC and the West Hills stakeholders will continue to work to protect the safety and interests of our stakeholders and the needs of future students for an elementary or a pre-school at the Highlander site, and the needs of the community for a Cultural, Community & Senior Center. We urge the LAUSD to abandon the Highlander site for a proposed housing development entirely. We are in this together and the solution can be solved by us working together.

WHNC and the stakeholders suggest and request LAUSD to delay any action concerning the Highlander site until at least mid-2021 to allow community engagement with Councilmember John Lee, Board member Scott Schmerelson, and Superintendent Austin Beautner at a special WHNC Zoning and Planning meeting, hopefully in February, 2021, to begin to address stakeholders' concerns on the many issues expressed in this letter.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Brin, President/  
Co-Chair, West Hills  
Neighborhood Council

Charlene Rothstein, Vice-  
President/Co-Chair, West Hills  
Neighborhood Council



ITEM #  
21-0009

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pending before the State legislature is SB 9 (Atkins) introduced on December 7, 2020, which if enacted into law would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial ('by right') approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot in to two equal parts ('lot split'), for residential use; and

WHEREAS, enactment into law of SB 9 would eliminate public hearings by the Planning Department and public notice, inasmuch as the proposed projects would only require administrative review, and proposes to provide ministerial approval of a parcel map (four or less parcels) for a lot split, and thereby amend sections of the Subdivision Map Act by extending from 12 to 24 months the additional time period of an approved or conditionally approved Tentative Map; and

WHEREAS, SB 9 would exempt these projects from environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by establishing a ministerial review process, without discretionary review or a public hearing, thereby undermining community participation and vetting by local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, SB 9 further stipulates that a city or county cannot require a duplex project to comply with any standard that would prevent two units from being built, and would prohibit a local agency from imposing regulations that require dedications of rights-of way or the construction of offsite and onsite improvements for parcels created through a lot split; and

WHEREAS, enactment into law of SB 9 would undermine the Subdivision Map Act, which vests the authority to regulate and control the design and improvement of subdivisions by the legislative body of a local agency and sets forth procedures governing the local agency's processing, approval, conditional approval or disapproval, and filing of tentative, final (five or more parcels), and parcel maps (four or less parcels), and the modification of those maps;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 9 (Atkins), which if enacted into law would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial ('by right') approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot into two equal parts ('lot split'), for residential use; and exempts environmental review; and would approve these projects without discretionary review, or a public hearing; thereby undermining local land use control and the concept of 'Home Rule' by the imposition of State legislation on local government agencies, including charter cities.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN (verbal)  
Councilmember, 2nd District

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**REPORT OF THE  
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: January 25, 2021  
TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
FROM: Sharon M. Tso *Avak Keotahian - rg For*  
Chief Legislative Analyst Council File No. 21-0002-S21  
Assignment No. 21-01-0042  
SUBJECT: Resolution (Koretz -Krekorian) to OPPOSE SB 10 (Wiener)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Koretz-Krekorian) to include in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, OPPOSITION to SB 10 (Wiener), which would allow construction of multi-family residential buildings within one-half mile of major transit stops without affordable housing requirements, thereby undermining local land use control and the concept of 'Home Rule' by the imposition of State legislation on local government agencies, including charter cities.

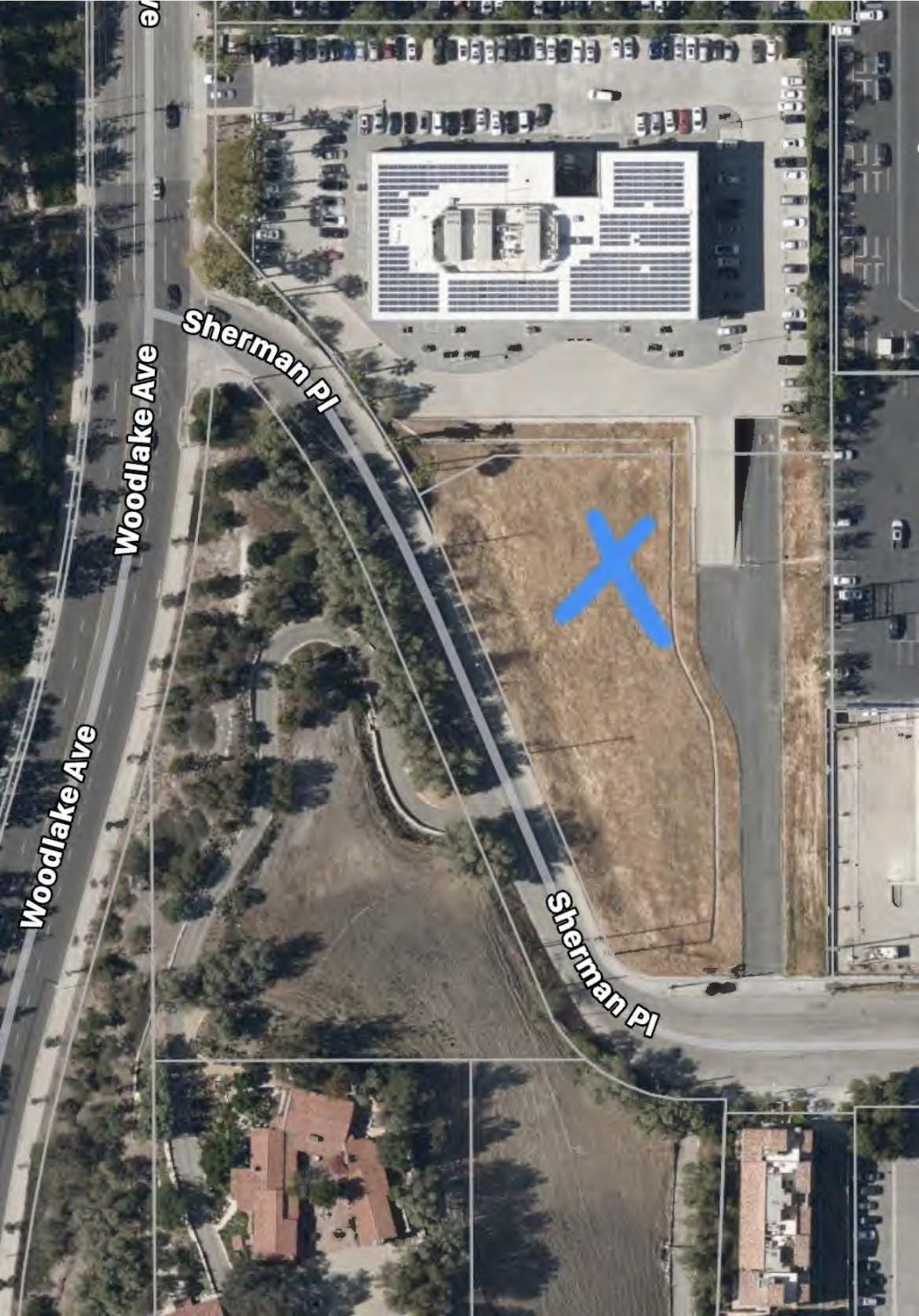
SUMMARY

Resolution (Koretz -Krekorian), introduced December 7, 2020, indicates that SB 10 (Wiener) would require that cities allow midrise, medium-density housing on sites that are either within one-half mile of public transportation or within a jobs rich neighborhood close to job centers, without affordable housing requirements or sensitivity to the character of existing neighborhoods.

*Jan. 9, 2021  
Meeting with LA City Councilman  
Paul Koretz: (notes)  
SB9 would kill single family zoning  
allow speculators jam 4 to 8 costly  
rental homes where 1 home stands  
leaving 4-foot setbacks, no yards,  
no garages. (2 units, 2 ADU's <sup>1/2</sup>,  
2 JDU'S per  
lot)*

*Motion to support Koretz resolution  
zoning <sup>1/2</sup>; Planning - Jan 25, 2021  
Passed by unanimous vote*





Woodlake Ave

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Sherman Pl

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File # :	Council File: 20-1376
Title :	LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles / Martin v City of Boise / Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment
Type :	
City/State :	
Summary :	<p><b>West Hills Neighborhood Council</b> strongly opposes this callous and counterproductive attempt to displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. As the homelessness crisis continues to worsen, exacerbated by a deadly pandemic, the City Council should be putting forward real solutions. Instead, this motion will only make matters worse, accomplishing nothing more than forcibly moving unhoused Angelenos from one part of the city to another, disrupting their lives and increasing their interactions with law enforcement and the criminal legal system.</p> <p>The ordinance proposed by this motion would make illegal the basic activities of unhoused people's daily lives across broad swaths of our city, despite the fact that there are not enough available shelter beds for them. This would not only be inhumane, it would also open up the City to further litigation, which our taxpayer funds will be spent defending.</p> <p>Displacing unhoused people would disrupt their relationships with outreach workers and could result in the loss of valued property and documents like IDs that are often needed to obtain assistance. Furthermore, the citations, arrests, and fees that would result from the proposed ordinance would create additional impediments to obtaining employment and housing.</p> <p>To make matters worse, the City would be taking these counterproductive measures in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, endangering the lives of unhoused and housed Angelenos alike by forcing thousands of unhoused people into smaller areas or into jails, in the face of CDC guidance, and increasing the virus' potential spread.</p> <p>We understand the desire for clean streets and unobstructed sidewalks. But this is not the way to get there.</p> <p>Improve service delivery. Increase the number of shelter beds. Invest in affordable and supportive housing. Do not waste time and resources on this short-sighted motion. Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion offers an alternative path—one that is more just, humane, and productive. We urge you to adopt it instead and take a step toward actually solving this crisis.</p>
Motion :	Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to OPPOSE City Council File # 20-1376, which would allow the city to ban unhoused persons from certain locations.
Homelessness Position :	Voted to OPPOSE # 20-1376
Vote :	Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recusal – 0
“YES” Vote:	YES vote is to OPPOSE City Council File #20-1376 <b>YES = YES</b> on the Motion
“NO” Vote:	NO vote is to not OPPOSE City Council File #20-1376 <b>NO = NO</b> on the Motion



## SUBSTITUTE MOTION - ITEM 42

Tens of thousands of people living unhoused and unsheltered, in makeshift encampments on our sidewalks, under our bridges, and in our parks, is inhumane and intolerable. More than a 1000 unhoused people dying on our streets each year is shameful and barbaric.

People should not be living in encampments throughout Los Angeles, and it would be reasonable to prohibit sleeping and lying on our sidewalks -- if genuine alternatives were truly available and accessible. But they are not.

It is imperative that the City restore and maintain public use of the public rights of way, but it will never be able to do so legally or adequately without providing the housing, shelter and services to facilitate the transition of unhoused residents from the streets. To do so would require the following:.

***Identified, tangible, and existing housing resources.*** The City cannot base policy on an assumed, projected, or hoped for inventory of housing and shelter. Many existing shelter resources are at capacity, or have restrictions that prohibit walk-ins, or limit access to individuals from nearby neighborhoods. The housing resource that is offered must be available immediately and long enough to provide assistance in developing a long-term housing plan.

***A commitment to appropriate housing placements.*** A “one size fits all” offer of shelter is a demonstrated, proven failure. A woman fleeing domestic violence should not be placed in co-ed facilities. Transition-aged youth or families with children should not be placed in facilities that are predominantly used by single adults. People accepting housing or shelter should not be required to sacrifice their belongings or pets, or be separated from family members.

***A real-time, accessible database of available housing and shelter.*** The lack of such a system makes it virtually impossible for city, county, or LAHSA employees to make a significant number of offers on the streets of same-day housing, shelter or services.

***A commitment that housing, shelter or services will be offered by caseworkers.*** Any offer of services should be made by caseworkers who can make appropriate placements, and not by sworn officers. In Orange County, the protocol established with the input of unhoused residents and their advocates, under the direction of U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter, requires housing and shelter placements be made after consultation with outreach professionals and after proper clinical assessments have been made to determine appropriate placements.

***A commitment that housing, shelter and services will be provided, not merely offered.*** The City cannot simply “offer” a resource. It must provide transportation and

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actual placement. In Orange County, appropriate placements consider an individual's ability to access medical appointments, outpatient programs, work and other support systems, and includes transportation to and from such services

Rather than repeatedly revisiting and trying unworkable and legally questionable enforcement proposals, the City must make significant and expanded efforts to actually help transition people out of encampments and into housing, shelter and service

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to detail what steps need to be taken, and by which agency, body, or person, to begin commandeering hotels and motels for use as homeless housing, and report back to the Council within 10 days.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, develop a plan for a significant expansion of Encampment to Homes programs, coupled with a significantly scaled-up City of Los Angeles Master Leasing program. Such programs could use a coordinated, concentrated, services-based approach to rapidly house residents of an entire encampment simultaneously, through readily available master leased units. The report should include cost and staffing estimates, and consider federal grants, COVID relief funds, state and County assistance, and reprogramming from other efforts that do not result in the rapid housing of unhoused individuals.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council request that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority detail, within 10 days, what is prohibiting the development and use of a broadly accessible app that would provide real-time information on available housing and shelter beds and how to access them, and detail resources required to develop it and make it available.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council request that U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter facilitate a settlement agreement between the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, unhoused residents and their advocates, the Alliance for Human Rights, and other parties as appropriate, similar to the settlement agreement he brokered in *Orange County Catholic Worker, et al, vs. Orange County, City of Costa Mesa, City of Anaheim & City of Orange*, which led to the housing of thousands of unhoused residents and left public rights of way free of encampments without a single arrest.

Presented by:

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MIKE BONIN  
Councilmember, 11th District

Seconded by:

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Councilmember, 4th District



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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Dear Supervisor Kuehl:

On behalf of West Hills Neighborhood Council, we are writing to communicate our full support and request for the Los Angeles County and State Departments of Public Health to immediately authorize schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified) to serve as COVID-19 vaccine sites for school staff and the community at large. We hope that state and local agencies will expedite the review process for applications coming from Los Angeles Unified. We are asking for your leadership to help expedite approvals of Los Angeles Unified Schools as vaccine sites.

West Hills Neighborhood Council's mission is to serve the families of West Hills. We have seen first hand the leadership and safety net that our neighborhood schools have provided since the pandemic began. Schools are trusted community partners, are accessible to and can accommodate large groups of individuals with safe social distancing, and have trained and qualified staff on site.

Our neighborhood schools are uniquely situated and qualified to help in the vaccination effort:

### ***Our Neighborhood Schools Are Trusted Community Partners***

- Los Angeles Unified schools are conveniently located in the middle of neighborhoods where people live, which will help make vaccines accessible to people in all communities, in particular those who may lack access to health care services and reliable transportation. Families trust schools to keep their children safe and that trust extends to all aspects of a child's life. Providing the vaccination at a trusted location will increase the chances of a successful and more speedy vaccination effort.
- Since this crisis began, Los Angeles Unified has proven its ability to meet the needs of the community on a dramatic scale. The 63 food distribution centers at schools have provided our families and community members over 96 million meals along with 18 million items of much-needed supplies. They have distributed computers and internet access to 500,000 students, and operate 42 COVID testing centers at schools that have administered more than 350,000 tests to staff members, students and their families – the largest school-based program in the nation.

### ***Our Neighborhood Schools Keep Visitors, Staff, and Families Safe***

- Schools have the space needed to allow individuals to wait safely after their vaccine dose to make sure they aren't having an adverse reaction. Schools have all the necessary infrastructure already in place – security, electricity, restrooms and both covered and open areas – to support the vaccination process.
- Los Angeles Unified has school-based health clinics in high-needs areas which are already licensed to provide vaccinations. These sites can immediately provide COVID-19 vaccinations while more locations at additional schools become qualified under state guidelines.

***Our Neighborhood Schools Have the Necessary Infrastructure***

- Los Angeles Unified has the staffing, both clinical and logistical, to begin administering vaccinations now. The District employs more than 450 registered nurses and 120 licensed vocational nurses, all of whom can administer the vaccine and can attend to those who may have an adverse reaction to the vaccine. Moreover, these nurses have experience working with and caring for members of our neighborhood school and community.
- Los Angeles Unified has a technology and data system which can register individuals, schedule vaccination appointments and share the data with appropriate authorities. Microsoft is connecting the District's existing COVID-19 technology capabilities with the vaccine platform Microsoft has deployed in other cities and states across the country. This platform includes registration and scheduling, reporting on complications/adverse effects, tracking of vaccines in stock, contactless appointment check-in and data capture at time of appointment, rules to sort high-risk individuals and offer waitlists to low-risk individuals and dashboards to view data, among other features.

***Equity in Community Access***

- As you know, access to health care services is a real barrier for many people in low-income communities. More than 80% of the families served by Los Angeles Unified live in poverty and 83% are Black and Latino residents, which have been the demographics most impacted by the virus. It's critical that the vaccine be made available to these families. In a typical community we serve, there are about three drug stores, two fire stations and 25 schools, 8 Public Elementary Schools. No organization has the infrastructure to provide easier access to vaccinations than schools.
- New York has begun providing vaccinations to those who work in schools and Kansas City has committed to provide vaccinations to all school district staff in February. Locally, vaccinations are available in Riverside for all who work in education, in Ventura teachers will start receiving vaccinations next week and Long Beach will begin providing vaccinations to school employees later this month.

We need our schools to reopen as soon as possible, and in the safest way possible; having Los Angeles Unified as a vaccination partner would be an important and unprecedented benefit to this cause.

We are asking for your support in expediting approvals for Los Angeles Unified as a vaccination partner. We need your voice and leadership to get these vaccines distributed effectively, efficiently, and through trusted school sites.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee  
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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 provision of reliable and affordable public transportation supports everyone - transit riders who have access to economic opportunity, single-occupant vehicular drivers who enjoy less road congestion, and all people who have cleaner air to breathe; and

WHEREAS, public transportation in the United States has historically been neglected, leading to the social, educational, and economic isolation of low-income and minority communities, as well many who are living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded this situation by necessitating service cuts and reduced service resulting from a severe decline in ridership and steep financial shortfalls for jurisdictions that rely on fare revenue to support their operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, to ensure an equitable post-pandemic recovery, steps must be taken by the Federal Government to allocate sufficient funding to support and sustain transit agencies and ensure that every person has access to affordable and reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, the Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278) was introduced to help states and localities provide fare-free rides, improve safety and quality of transportation, and address transit equity gaps; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that, in the new legislative session, the Federal Government take actions identified in the Freedom to Move Act to promote desperately-needed public transportation as a public good and provide fare-free public transit systems;

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 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit.

PRESENTED BY: Mike Bonin  
MIKE BONIN  
Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Paul Kretorian

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Agenda Item 21-0013 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for CF 21-0002-S30 Fare-Free Transit/State and Local Agencies/Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery /Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278)

Committee Meeting Date: 1/19/2021

Board Meeting Date 2/4/2021

File # :	21-0002-S30
Title :	Fare-Free Transit / State and Local Agencies / Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery / Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278)
Type :	City's 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program
City/State :	City of Los Angeles

Summary :	Resolution relative to including in the City's 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program, its position on legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit.
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Motion :	Attached <a href="#">S.4278 - Freedom to Move Act</a> <a href="#">H.R.7389 - Freedom to Move Act</a>
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EP Position :	Motion to support the City's position through the Legislative process of the House of Representatives
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means supporting the City's position to support H.R. 7389/S. 4278
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“NO” Vote:	Means that we do not support the City's support of H.R. 7389/S. 4278
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**PUBLIC WORKS AND  
GANG REDUCTION**

**MOTION**

The City's current Coordinated Street Furniture Program expires at the end of 2021. Since 2018, the City Council, led by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, held numerous hearings and policy discussions on the topic and on November 26, 2019, authorized StreetsLA to undertake a competitive process and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a successor program, the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) (C.F. 00-1073-S1). Under this authority, the release of an RFP to solicit proposals for STAP is being considered by the Board of Public Works on November 24, 2020.

The expansion and enhancement of facilities that support public transit riders, improve bus stops, and offer wayfinding for visitors and residents alike are among the opportunities presented by the modernization of the street furniture program. The integration of digital elements into this program offers many opportunities for convenience, revenue, emergency and public service messaging, and local benefits; but it also raises the specters of potential privacy infringement, intrusively illuminated signage, and overall aesthetic diminishment. Last week, we heard similar questions and concerns from a number of community members.

These and other outstanding issues of significance require policy guidance from the City Council and, as was the expectation when the City Council last acted on this matter, must be addressed to shape the final design of the STAP and to assure the public that adequate controls are in place to protect neighborhoods and the City's interests. The deliberation and decision making on these issues must be made in a transparent fashion and be resolved before any award to operate the STAP is approved.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:

- Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways;
- A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities;
- How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement;
- Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and
- Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.

PRESENTED BY:

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BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)  
Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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MIKE BONIN (verbal)  
Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON (verbal)  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

Agenda Item 21-0014 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for CF 20-1536, continuation of public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is under way

File # :	CF-20-01536
Title :	Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) / Public Engagement / Request for Proposals
Type :	Public Works/Transportation
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	The West Hills Neighborhood Council board SUPPORTS the motion that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) request for proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP and report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals.
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Motion :	<p>Support CF 20-1536 in that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways;</li> <li>• A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities;</li> <li>• How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement;</li> <li>• Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and</li> <li>• Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.</li> </ul>
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	<b>YES = YES</b> on the Motion
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“NO” Vote:	<b>NO = NO</b> on the Motion
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