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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Revised December 29, 2021

The Board shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the Directors present at a duly noticed regular or special Board meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Tariq El-Atrache, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Bonnie Klea, Vinura Kotuwelle, Kent Mariconda, Saif Mogri, Mark Neudorff, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Anthony Searce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, and Brad Vanderhoof

ABSENT: Esperanza Butler, Clarice Chavira, Jason Romanello, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

President Charlene Rothstein called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.

Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The September meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Senior Lead Officer Report: SLO McNamee introduced acting SLO Alvarez.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood said the only extra expenditures were for the beautification cleanup.

21-0094 - Approval of the WHNC's August Monthly Expenditure Report (MER):

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes

Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
 The MER is approved.

Controller’s Report: Controller Saif Mogri presented the Controller’s report. September expenses include; new member badges \$109.50, Go Daddy \$21.17, cleanup snacks \$31.50 from the Beautification budget, Halloween event \$43.48 from the Special Events budget. Next month’s report will include the inventory list so please inform the Controller if anything is removed from the sheds.

Comments from the Chair: Secretary Brad Vanderhoof said that at the Los Angeles Area Neighborhood Council Coalition it was mentioned that chair comments must be published before a Board meeting.

Announcements

Council District 12; Mr. Eric Moody, District Director: The CD12 Angel Fund still has funds and the Dinner on Us program continues. The CD12 office is still closed. The Tom Lebond Day of Service is this weekend on the ninth. The CD 12 much anticipated shredding event is October 16. The City Council voted to 11 to two to pass an ordinance that will do require individuals to show proof of full vaccination in order to enter certain public locations. The CD12 Drive in Movie Night will show “The Wizard of Oz” November 4 at Shadow Ranch Park. A lot of folks ask our about resurfacing a Valley Circle, so I just wanted to let you guys know that that work began today. This will be my last Neighborhood Council meeting with you guys. I am retiring from the City of Los Angeles, and from Councilmember Lee’s office.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Ms. Atziri Camarena, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate: A Code of Conduct is still being discussed. We still have two more sessions that are going to happen on October 19 which is on a Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and then Saturday November 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. I will send over the draft of the Code of Conduct policy, as well as the RSVP. It is a great forum for you to participate in and give your input in regards to the Code of Conduct that has been presented to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Core module two will begin at the end of this month, which will cover: NC Bylaws, hosting virtual public meetings, call the comment, and managing meeting disruptions. I ask that you allow Char to be the person who manages Public Comment. I know that sometimes we want to go ahead and voice our opinions in Public Comment. Unfortunately we're not able to do that.

District Director, Myrna Gutierrez, LA County Supervisorial District 3: Starting November 4 for LA County, full vaccination will be required for entering the indoor parts of bars, wineries, nightclubs, lounges and things like that. The Pfizer shot is available. The booster shot is available for folks that are 65 years of age or older, residents that are in long term care facilities, folks that are between the ages of 18 and 64 with an underlining medical condition or those that are ages 18 to 64 years old with high institutional or occupational risk, including healthcare workers, first responders, teachers, daycare staff, grocery workers, and workers in homeless shelters or prisons. If you want more detailed information it is on the public health website and I am happy to send a link. There will be an event on November 16 at 6pm and Supervisor Kuehl will be present and the topic of that event is going to be the River’s Headwaters in Canoga Park.

Public Comment

Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe, and Lauren Buisson spoke during public comment.

Council Announcements Committee & Liaison Reports

Myrl Schreibman gave an update on the Halloween event. The judges are selected and there are currently 15 registrants.

Alec Uzemeck said an Assistant District Director from DWP will speak at the next Environment Committee meeting.

Char Rothstein said a letter regarding Prop K to place restrooms at Lazy J and Castle Peak parks has been distributed to local residents and will be discussed at the next Zoning and Planning Committee meeting.

Old Business

21-0088 - Appointment of WHNC board member Aida Abkarians to submit Community Impact Statements:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Yes
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
Aida Abkarians is approved to file CISs on behalf of the WHNC.

21-0092 - Supporting Los Angeles school board resolution addressing anti-Semitism in the district schools.
LAUSD Resolution Res-001-21/22, Version: 1
Item tabled to November.

New Business

21-0095 - Discussion and possible action on the Beautification Committee's cleanup event at Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center, at the corner of March and Roscoe, October 30, 2021, from 8 AM to 11 AM:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Abstain
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The Beautification Event is approved.

21-0098 - Purchase of new gloves for WHNC Beautification Committee Cleanups not to exceed \$100.00:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Abstain
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes

Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The purchase of new gloves is approved.

21-0101- Filling the West Hills Neighborhood Council Youth Seat:

Steve Randall explained there are two candidates Azarine Rushenas and Sriya Datla. Both candidates introduced themselves and spoke about why they want to serve on the WHNC Board of Directors.

Bob Brostoff moved to table the item to November. Tariq El-Atrache seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Abstain
Faye Barta	No
Sandi Bell	No
Dan Brin	No
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	No
Glenn Jennings	No
Bonnie Klea	No
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	No
Mark Neudorff	No
Steve Randall	No
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	No
Charlene Rothstein	No
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	No
Joan Trent	No
Alec Uzemeck	No
Brad Vanderhoof	Abstain
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Yes – 4, No – 14, Abstain – 2, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The motion to table the item fails.

Election of a Youth Advisory Seat member:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Datla
Faye Barta	Datla
Sandi Bell	Datla
Dan Brin	Datla
Bob Brostoff	Abstain
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Rushenas

Carolyn Greenwood	Datla
Glenn Jennings	Datla
Bonnie Klea	Datla
Vinura Kotuwelle	Datla
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Datla
Mark Neudorff	Rushenas
Steve Randall	Datla
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Rushenas
Anthony Scarce	Rushenas
Myrl Schreibman	Datla
Joan Trent	Datla
Alec Uzemeck	Datla
Brad Vanderhoof	Abstain
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Ms. Datla – 13, Ms. Rushenas – 4, Abstain – 2, Absent – 6, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

Ms. Sriya Datla has been appointed to the WHNC Youth Advisory Seat..

21-0100 - Proposed change to WHNC Standing Rule, Article 5, Section 6: Item tabled to November.

21-0099 - Appoint board member, Tariq El-Atrache, as the liaison/representative to the LGBTQ+ Alliance of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils: Char said Myrl Schreibman also requested to be a liaison.

Dan Brin moved to amend the motion to appoint two LGBTQ Alliance liaisons and they be Tariq El-Atrache and Myrl Schreibman. Aida Abkarians seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	No
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Absent
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	No
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotuwelle	Absent
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	No
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes

Brad Vanderhoof Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb Absent

Yes – 13, No – 3, Abstain – 0, Absent – 9, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The motion to amend passes.

Appointment of Tariq El-Atrache and Myrl Schreibman as WHNC liaisons to the LGBTQ Alliance

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians Yes
Faye Barta Yes
Sandi Bell Yes
Dan Brin Yes
Bob Brostoff Absent
Esperanza Butler Absent
Clarice Chavira Absent
Tariq El-Atrache Yes
Carolyn Greenwood Yes
Glenn Jennings Yes
Bonnie Klea Absent
Vinura Kotuwelle Absent
Kent Mariconda Absent
Saif Mogri Yes
Mark Neudorff No
Steve Randall Yes
Jason Romanello Absent
Bill Rose Absent
Charlene Rothstein Yes
Anthony Scearce Yes
Myrl Schreibman Yes
Joan Trent Yes
Alec Uzemeck Yes
Brad Vanderhoof Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb Absent

Yes – 15, No – 1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 9, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
President Rothstein will contact the LGBTQ Alliance to confirm the appointments.

21-0102 - CIS on CF 21-0975 (John Lee), Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition/Spectator Gathering / Promotion / Facilitation

Item tabled to November.

21-0096 - Beautification Committee tabling event at the Environmental Awareness Day at the Chatsworth Train Station on November 20, 2021, from 10 AM to 4 PM

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians Yes
Faye Barta Yes
Sandi Bell Yes
Dan Brin Yes
Bob Brostoff Absent
Esperanza Butler Absent
Clarice Chavira Absent
Tariq El-Atrache Abstain
Carolyn Greenwood Yes

Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotuwelle	Absent
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent

Yes – 15, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 9, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

21-0097 – Placement of two dog waste bag stations, privately donated to WHNC and the Beautification Committee, at two local parks, Taxco and Lazy J:

President Rothstein explained there is a problem with this agenda item since the WHNC cannot accept donations.

Item tabled to November.

21-0103 - Request to Councilman John Lee CD12, to draft a motion in the City Council in support of AB 43

Item tabled to November.

President Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 10:30 PM (estimated).



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BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Revised September 3, 2021

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Esperanza Butler, Clarice Chavira, Tariq El-Atrache, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Bonnie Klea, Vinura Kotuwelle, Kent Mariconda, Saif Mogri, Mark Neudorff, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb
ABSENT: Jason Romanello

President Charlene Rothstein called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.
Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senior Lead Officer Report: SLO McNamee said there were eight property crimes in southern West Hills the previous week. Locker room thefts at gyms and catalytic converter thefts from vehicles are becoming trends. In northern West Hills there were nine crimes (one violent and eight property thefts). There were three attempted commercial burglaries near Sherman Way and Shoup. Extra patrol officers are working crime suppression detail. SLO McNamee can be reached at 36818@lapdonline.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carolyn presented the July Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). There were no expenditures in July other than the usual recurring items.

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21-0081 - Approval of the WHNC's July Monthly Expenditure Report (MER):

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes

Mark Neudorff	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Searce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Absent
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 22, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The MER is approved.

Controller’s Report: Controller Saif Mogri presented the Controller’s report. The report has a new simpler format. There were only office expenditures in August.

Comments from the Chair: President Char Rothstein announced a Special Board Meeting on Monday September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This meeting is mandatory for WHNC Board members.

Announcements

Bob Brostoff said Christina has left Shadow Ranch Park after 14 years. The WHNC will present her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Council District 12, Mr. Eric Moody, District Director: The CD12 Angel Fund and Dinner on Us programs continue. There is a new street racing ordinance making promotion of gatherings on social media a misdemeanor.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Ms. Atziri Camarena, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate: CivicU starts soon. All Board members need to update their Cornerstone training password. Bylaws amendments are due April 1, 2022. EVG backgrounds need to be devoid of commercial and political content. Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3,

Mr. Blake Clayton, District Director: There are two telebriefings on September 9, 2021. County discretionary funds are available and anyone interested should fill out a grant application.

LAUSD District 3, Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement & Data Specialist: There are 27 active Covid cases in West Hills schools.

Public Comment: Dan Brookard, I_Phone_Jamie, Rob Wilcox, ZachVolet, and Chris Rowe spoke during public comment.

Committee Reports: Saif Mogri said a DWP official will speak at the Environment Committee meeting on renewable energy usage and the 20-year plan. September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Online and Telephonic

Old Business

21-0071 - Letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti regarding signing the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Pledge on Dec. 1, 2021:

Roll Call Vote:
Aida Abkarians Yes

Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The letter is approved.

21-0072 - Resolution regarding passive infrared sensor-controlled traffic signals: Anthony Scearce moved to send a letter. Bob Brostoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	No
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Yes
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Abstain
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	No
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	No
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	No

Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 18, No – 4, Abstain – 1, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
 The letter is approved.

New Business

21-0082- Approval of an amended 2021-2022 Budget to include rollover of \$8,625.78 for a total 2021-2022 fiscal year budget of \$40,625.78:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Yes
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Searce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 23, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
 The amended budget is approved.

21-0083 – Approval of an Event Form and budget from Beautification Committee for the September 18, 2021 Beautification event to plant milkweed for butterflies at Orcutt Ranch Park:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Yes

Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 23, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The Event Form and budget are approved.

21-0084 – Approve of the Event Form and budget from the Special Events Committee for the Halloween House Event to be held October 22 – 24, 2021:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Abstain
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Yes
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Abstain
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

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

The Event Form and budget approved.

21-0085 – Approval of the Event Form and budget from the Streets & Transportation Committee for the painting of one Traffic Control Cabinet:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Yes
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	No
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Yes
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 22, No – 1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The letter is approved.

21-0086 – Approval of artist Christina Walsh and her artwork:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Esperanza Butler	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	No
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes

Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 19, No – 1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The artwork is approved.

21-0089 - WHNC’s official statement on Los Angeles City Council redistricting: Dan Brin presented three options.

1. Keeping the status quo: all of West Hills remains in Council District 12 (currently represented by John Lee).
2. All of West Hills up to its northern boundary — cutting through the Nature Preserve along the Nordhoff Street center line — moves to Council District 3 (currently represented by Bob Blumenfield).
3. South of Roscoe Boulevard moves to Council District 3; north of Roscoe remains in Council District 12.

Roll Call Multiple Choice Vote:

Aida Abkarians	one
Faye Barta	one
Sandi Bell	three
Dan Brin	three
Bob Brostoff	two
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	one
Tariq El-Atrache	one
Carolyn Greenwood	Absent
Glenn Jennings	one
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotiwelle	one
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	one
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	one
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	one
Charlene Rothstein	one
Anthony Scarce	two
Myrl Schreibman	one
Joan Trent	one
Alec Uzemeck	Absent
Brad Vanderhoof	one
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	one

one – 14, two – 2, three -- 2 Abstain – 0, Absent – 7, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
Option one has a majority and is approved is approved.

21-0090 – Appointment of board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9th , 23rd and 30th 2021: The WHNC has six available spots. The names of members who have volunteered are; Aida Abkarians, Clarice Chavira, Vinura Kotuwelle, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, and Myrl Schreibman.

Roll Call Vote to Approve the six nominees:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Absent
Esperanza Butler	Absent
Clarice Chavira	Yes
Tariq El-Atrache	Yes
Carolyn Greenwood	Absent
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotiwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Steve Randall	Yes
Jason Romanello	Absent
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Alec Uzemeck	Absent
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 16, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 9, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The nominees are approved to attend Civic U on behalf of the WHNC.

The following items were not addressed at the meeting.

21-0087 - Change the Age Requirements for the WHNC Youth Seat to 14-17 Years of Age:

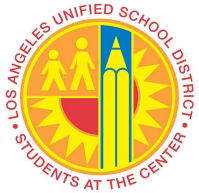
21-0088 - Appointment of WHNC board member Aida Abkarians to submit Community Impact Statements:

21-0091 - Discussion and Possible Action: on Airplane Noise and request LAX Noise Roundtable inclusion letter to John Lee:

21-0092 - Discussion and possible action of The West Hills Neighborhood Council supporting Los Angeles school board resolution addressing anti-Semitism in the district schools. LAUSD Resolution Res-001-21/22, Version: 1:

21-0093 - West Hills Neighborhood Council support for the community's request for services provided by the district's school police:

President Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 10:52 PM



Los Angeles Unified School District

333 South Beaudry Ave,
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Board of Education Report

File #: Res-001-21/22, **Version:** 1

ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE

Mr. Schmerelson, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Gonez - Affirming the Value of Jewish Students, Staff, and Families in the Los Angeles Unified School District and Addressing Anti-Semitism (Res 001-21/22) (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

Whereas, There has been a significant rise in hate crimes here in Los Angeles and across the country over the last four years against many racial, ethnic, religious, and other minority groups, and LAUSD has a long history of centering the positive contributions of the Black, Latinx, Asian American and Pacific Islander, women, LGBTQ+, and other communities;

Whereas, This discrimination, racism, xenophobia, sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism has not only generated heated rhetoric but has resulted in harassment, vandalism, physical assaults, and worse, and no individual or group within our District should fear becoming targets of retaliation, derision, bullying, isolation, or violence;

Whereas, Students who identify as Jewish come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, including those with overlapping racial and ethnic identities, and attend schools in all six Local Districts, and Los Angeles is home to the third largest Jewish population in the world behind Israel and New York, and approximately 15 percent of the K-12 child population within LAUSD's boundaries are themselves or have family members who are Jewish;

Whereas, What we teach our youth about their ancestral legacies and cultures is essential in the fight for racial and ethnic justice and equity, and the promise of full inclusion and desegregation in LAUSD or public schools has not yet been realized;

Whereas, LAUSD publishes policy bulletins and memoranda on an annual basis affirming the value and dignity of all racial, ethnic, and religious groups, including MEM-5466: Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, and offers the opportunity for Jewish students and staff to observe the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with unassigned days in the school calendar;

Whereas, Property and vandalism crimes against Jewish temples and places of worship and physical assaults against people who "look Jewish" or dine at restaurants frequented by Jewish people has increased significantly over the past four years and most recently due to the escalation of the conflict and military action in Israel, Gaza, and in the Middle East, and was denounced by President Biden and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the City Council, and faith leaders from across the Los Angeles region;

Whereas, Reports of white supremacist, anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israeli graffiti, bullying, harassment, and violence on LAUSD campuses has been on the rise for the past four years, and administrators, teachers, and student leaders need updated and readily available training and resources to prevent and address anti-Semitism in all its forms;

Whereas, The social content of instructional materials used in California public schools must comply with California Education Code section 60040-60045 and 60048 as well as the State Board of Education guidelines

in the Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content in that they must portray accurately and equitably the cultural and racial diversity of American society, and Section 51500 states that “teachers shall not give instruction and a school district shall not sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, or sexual orientation”, or another protected characteristic;

Whereas, Prolonged exposure to curricula that normalizes and perpetuates white supremacy, and the erasure of racial, ethnic, and religious minority groups can be alienating and traumatic for students and staff and contribute to the opportunity and achievement gaps we see today; now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Board of Education denounces the rise in anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israeli rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes and incidents that denigrate Jewish students and staff in the communities served by LAUSD in order for every LAUSD campus and office to be a safe and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and families;

Resolved further, The Board declares the need for updated bulletins, curricular and instructional resources, and training for teachers, staff, administrators, students, and parents to address and prevent anti-Semitism and respond when anti-Semitic vandalism, bullying, harassment, or violence occurs either on campus or in the community, including specific reference to anti-Semitism in the mandated bulletins training at the start of each school year;

Resolved further, That LAUSD will proceed with full implementation of the California-adopted History Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (2017) and its Appendix F on Religion and History-Social Science Education educate LAUSD students and all elementary, middle, and high school history-social science teachers about the positive contributions of Jewish peoples and to reduce anti-Jewish hate speech and hate-motivated behavior and incidents, and, be it finally;

Resolved, That to accomplish these objectives, the Board directs the Superintendent to (1) direct all schools and offices to affirm the rights of Jewish students, staff, and families and to report acts of anti-Semitism in schools and the workplace using District procedures; (2) ensure that the Division of Instruction and Office of Human Relations, Diversity, and Equity establish a curriculum and professional development working group to recruit and compensate LAUSD teachers and administrators with expertise in the areas of Jewish history and culture and the Holocaust, and invite other expert groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, Simon Wiesenthal Center and J Street to update and revise any existing LAUSD curriculum, recommended grade level reading lists, or instructional resources to ensure they are inclusive and reflective of best practices and the full diversity of Jewish people including those in California and Los Angeles, and (3) report back to the Board within 90 days with an update on these efforts.

September ____, 2021

Councilmember John Lee, Council District 12
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St., Room 405
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Scott Schmerlson, School Board District 3
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 24th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: LAUSD Resolution 001-21/22 – Version 1 Anti-Semitism in the District’s Schools

Dear _____:

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports Resolution 001-21/22 addressing Anti-Semitism in our schools.

There is a rise in child population within LAUSD’s boundaries are themselves or have family members who are Jewish and what we teach our youth about their ancestral legacies and cultures is essential in the fight for racial and ethnic justice and equity, and the promise of full inclusion and desegregation in LAUSD or public schools. Students who identify as Jewish come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, including those with overlapping racial and ethnic identities, and attend schools in all six Local Districts. Los Angeles is home to the third largest Jewish population in the world behind Israel and New York, with approximately 15 percent of the K-12 population within LAUSD’s boundaries is themselves or have family members who are Jewish. There has been a significant rise in hate crimes here in Los Angeles and across the country over the last four years against many racial, ethnic, religious, and other minority groups, and LAUSD has a long history of centering the positive contributions of the Black, Latin, Asian American and Pacific Islander, women, LGBTQ+, and other communities; This discrimination, racism, xenophobia, sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism has not only generated heated rhetoric but has resulted in harassment, vandalism, physical assaults, and worse, and no individual or group within our District should fear becoming targets of retaliation, derision, bullying, isolation, or violence.

The Board of Education denounces the rise in anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israeli rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes and incidents that denigrate Jewish students and staff in the communities served by LAUSD in order for every LAUSD campus and office to be a safe and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and families. The Board also declares the need for updated bulletins, curricular and instructional resources, and training for teachers, staff, administrators, students, and parents to address and prevent

anti-Semitism and respond when anti-Semitic vandalism, bullying, harassment, or violence occurs either on campus or in the community, including specific reference to anti-Semitism in the mandated bulletins training at the start of each school year.

LAUSD will proceed with full implementation of the California-adopted History Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (2017) and its Appendix F on Religion and History-Social Science Education educate LAUSD students and all elementary, middle, and high school history-social science teachers about the positive contributions of Jewish peoples and to reduce anti-Jewish hate speech and hate-motivated behavior and incidents. To accomplish these objectives, the Board directs the Superintendent to (1) direct all schools and offices to affirm the rights of Jewish students, staff, and families and to report acts of anti-Semitism in schools and the workplace using District procedures; (2) ensure that the Division of Instruction and Office of Human Relations, Diversity, and Equity establish a curriculum and professional development working group to recruit and compensate LAUSD teachers and administrators with expertise in the areas of Jewish history and culture and the Holocaust, and invite other expert groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, Simon Wiesenthal Center and J Street to update and revise any existing LAUSD curriculum, recommended grade level reading lists, or instructional resources to ensure they are inclusive and reflective of best practices and the full diversity of Jewish people including those in California and Los Angeles, and (3) report back to the Board within 90 days with an update on these efforts.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: August 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$37019.48	\$1602.56	\$35416.92	\$1356.60	\$0.00	\$34060.32

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$34725.78	\$1571.40	\$29548.08	\$1356.60	\$28191.48
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$1400.00	\$31.16	\$1368.84	\$0.00	\$1368.84
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00	\$0.00	\$4500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$3606.30	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	08/22/2021	Email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$64.80
2	THE WEB CORNER, INC	08/01/2021	Email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
3	SMART AND FINAL 324	08/25/2021	Beautification Event Event Approval Code; WHNC-2122-001	Community Improvement Project		\$31.16
4	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	08/09/2021	Services of Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
Subtotal:						\$1602.56

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	09/08/2021	Executive Director	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$1356.60

West Hills Neighborhood Council
Controller's Report September 2021

	Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG's)								
23		Youth and Education	NPG's	\$4,500.00					
18A		Homelessness	NPG's						
	Community Improvement Projects (CIP's)			\$0.00					
20A		Streets & Transportation	CIP's	\$900.00					
24		Beautification	Cleanups	\$500.00					
25		Beautification	Special Events						
	GRAND TOTAL			\$53,311.85	\$48,102.65	\$ 3,606.30	\$1,602.90		
26	Clean Street Grant			\$1,324.83					



Volunteers Cleaning Communities

PRESENTS

Mark Your Calendar! November 20th

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAY

DATE: November 20th **TIME: 10am -4pm**
PLACE: Chatsworth Train Station - North Lot

This will be a day for all community members - young and old - to learn how they can be involved in their community beautification, environmental contribution, volunteerism, and making their community a better place to live and enjoy.

Environmental Exhibitor Booths



Live Music



Prizes, Giveaways Good for Earth

Food Trucks



Demonstration Environmental



Scavenger Litter Hunt with Cinnabon

Creative Art Table & Contest



Games & Activities



This is the first of many - one per every quarter - and it is designed to give you a fun day with family that educates us about things that will help us create a better community environmentally.

For more information or any organization wanting a booth or sponsorship request through our website: www.VCC.world



Contact: jillmather@earthlink.net

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:

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Agenda Item 21-0100 - Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed change to WHNC Standing Rule, Article 5, Section 6

Standing Rule Change

Approved by Bylaws Committee on September 22, 2021

Proposed Standing Rule for Article 5, Section 6

The Committee Chair(s) shall be appointed by the WHNC President. In selecting members for the committee, the Chair(s) shall give consideration to eligible Board members who express interest and who did not serve on the previous Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee. To be considered eligible, a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council trainings and must currently be a member of the Board for at least two (2) years.

MOTION

Illegal Street racing and reckless driving exhibitions (also known as "side shows"), where individuals gather to watch motorists engage in exhibitions of speed and other dangerous activities while blocking roads and intersections, have been a continuing problem in the City, as well as other cities across the state. Over recent years, the internet and social media have made it even easier for organizers of these illegal events to organize and promote them, despite the best efforts of law enforcement.

In an effort to address this in their jurisdiction, the City of San José recently adopted an ordinance to criminalize the promotion of illegal street races and side shows. Under this ordinance, it is a misdemeanor to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition in San José. As this crime is a misdemeanor, it is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months. The Council should request a report looking into the feasibility of adopting a similar ordinance in the City of Los Angeles.

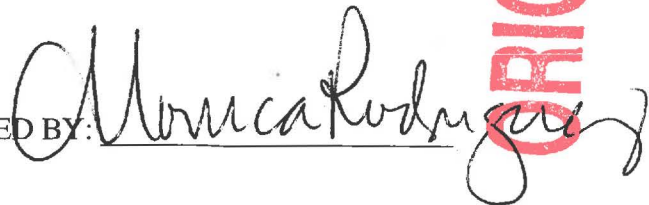
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make it unlawful to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition, modeled after the ordinance recently adopted by the City of San José.

PRESENTED BY:



JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



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AUG 31 2021



File # :	CF-21-0975 (Lee)
Title :	Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion / Facilitation
Type :	Streets Public Safety
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	<p>Illegal Street racing and reckless driving exhibitions (also known as "side shows"), where individuals gather to watch motorists engage in exhibitions of speed and other dangerous activities while blocking roads and intersections, have been a continuing problem in the city, as well as other cities across the state. Over recent years, the internet and social media have made it even easier for organizers of these illegal events to organize and promote them, despite the best efforts of law enforcement.</p> <p>To address this in their jurisdiction, the City of San Jose recently adopted an ordinance to criminalize the promotion of illegal street races and side shows. Under this ordinance, it is a misdemeanor to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition in San Jose. As this crime is a misdemeanor; it is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months. The Council should request a report looking into the feasibility of adopting a similar ordinance in the City of Los Angeles.</p>
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Motion :	<p>Support CF 21-0975 in that the City Attorney be requested to report on the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make it unlawful to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition, modeled after the ordinance recently adopted by the City of San Jose.</p>
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	
	YES = YES on the Motion

“NO” Vote:	
	NO = NO on the Motion



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

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

To attend online via Zoom Webinar, [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](https://zoom.us/j/95492683794) or paste the following link into your browser:
<https://zoom.us/j/95492683794>.

To call in by phone, dial toll-free (833) 548-0276 or (669) 900-6833, then punch in this Webinar code when prompted: **954 9268 3794#**.

This meeting is open to the public. Comments on matters not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of this committee 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.

Committee Members: Anthony Scearce (Co-Chair), Bob Brostoff (Co-Chair), Faye Barta, Brian Begun, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Tariq El-Atrache, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof

Call to Order and Roll Call

Comments from the Co-Chair(s)

Announcements

Public Comments on matters of committee jurisdiction not on the agenda (2 minutes)

1. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes** from the August 26th, 2021, Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting
2. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on request to Councilman John Lee CD12, to draft Motion in the City Council in support of AB 43
3. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on CF 21-0975 (John Lee), Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion / Facilitation
4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on anti-speeding and texting campaign.
5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Request for a Traffic Survey and other solutions for Shoup and Saticoy
6. **Adjournment**

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Reconsideration and Grievance Process: For information on the WHNC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the WHNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our website, www.WestHillsNC.org.

Servicios De Traducción: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Michelle.Ritchie@westhillsnc.org

Streets & Transportation next meets on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

SPECIAL JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

August 26, 2021

Revised August 26, 2021

Attendance: Faye Barta (left 8:00 PM est.), Brian Begun, Thomas Booth (left 8:10 PM), Bob Brostoff, Tariq El-Atrache, Bonnie Klea (left 7:56 PM), Steve Randall, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Absent: Dan Brin, and Heidi Manning

Other WHNC Board members in attendance: Saif Mogri (left 7:30 PM est.), and Kent Mariconda

Guests: Sharon Brewer, Call In User_1 (arrived 6:50 PM est., left 8:00 PM est.), Kim Olsen (arrived 6:40 PM est., left 8:00 est.), Atziri Camerena DONE (arrived 6:50 est.), R. grace Rodriguez, Zach Volet (left 6:40 est.), and Christina Walsh

Committee Co-chair Anthony Scearce called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was established.

Comments from the Co-Chair(s): Bob Brostoff commented on the traffic box dedication. Anthony Scearce said the PLUM Committee approved historical monument status for the trees on March Avenue.

Announcements Public Comments on matters of committee jurisdiction not on the agenda: None

Faye Barta – Yes, Brian Begun – Yes, Thomas Booth – Absent, Dan Brin – Yes, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Tariq El-Atrache – Yes, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Heidi Manning – Yes, Steve Randall – Yes, Anthony Scearce – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes
Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1
The June minutes were approved and will be posted.

Public Comment: Zach Volet, R. Grace Rodriguez, Kim Olsen, and Christina Walsh spoke.

1. Approval of Minutes from the August 17th, 2021, Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting:

Myrl moved to amend the minutes, ‘After multiple disruptions by Board Member ~~Kent Mariconda~~, Co-chair ~~Anthony Scearce~~ adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.’

New text --

After multiple disruptions by a Board Member, a Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Steve seconded.

Faye Barta – Yes, Brian Begun – No, Thomas Booth – No, Dan Brin – Absent, Bob Brostoff – No, Tariq El-Atrache – No, Bonnie Klea – No, Heidi Manning – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Anthony Scearce – No, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Abstain
Yes – 4, No – 6, Abstain – 1, Absent – 2, Recusal -- 0

The amendment fails.

Vote to approve the August 17 meeting minutes

Faye Barta – Yes, Brian Begun – Yes, Thomas Booth – Absent, Dan Brin – Absent, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Tariq El-Atrache – Yes, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Heidi Manning – Absent, Steve Randall – No,

Anthony Scarce – Yes, Myrl Schreiber – Yes, Joan Trent – No, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes
Yes – 9, No – 2, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Recusal -- 0

The August 17, 2021, minutes were approved and will be posted.

2. Approval of artist Tricia O’Connell final artwork on Traffic Control Cabinet for CIP/Vision Zero: The artist was not present at the meeting. Anthony said the artist may no longer want to be involved. Item tabled to September.
3. Luis Marquez artwork, location, and funding request for Traffic Control Cabinet for CIP/Vision Zero: The artist was not present. Item tabled to September.
4. Artist Christina Walsh artwork, funding request for Traffic Control Cabinet for CIP/Vision Zero. Location Jason and Roscoe: Anthony said the WHNC Budget Committee has approved funding for this project and it will be presented to the WHNC Board.

Anthony moved to send the proposal to the Board with the stipulation the artist will consider suggestions made by committee members. Tariq seconded.

Faye Barta – Yes, Brian Begun – Yes, Thomas Booth – Yes, Dan Brin – Absent, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Tariq El-Atrache – Yes, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Heidi Manning – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes,
Anthony Scarce – Yes, Myrl Schreiber – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes
Yes – 11, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Recusal -- 0
The motion passed. The proposal will be sent to the WHNC Board.

5. Traffic Accidents and Dangerous Intersections including Platt & Vanowen:

Anthony moved to request a new traffic survey.

Faye Barta – Yes, Brian Begun – Yes, Thomas Booth – Yes, Dan Brin – Absent, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Tariq El-Atrache – Yes, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Heidi Manning – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes,
Anthony Scarce – Yes, Myrl Schreiber – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes
Yes – 11, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Recusal -- 0
The motion passed.

Bonnie Klea left the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Faye Barta left the meeting at 8:00 PM (est.)

Thomas Booth left the meeting at 8:10 PM during the discussion of item 6.

6. Fallbrook Ave Traffic, Speeding and Accidents Solutions: Discussion produced several ideas committee members will research and work on.
7. AB 43 request to Councilman John Lee CD12: Anthony explained the way California law requires speed limits to be set to the 85th percentile. The item was tabled to September so committee members will have a chance to read AB 43.
8. Airplane Noise and request LAX Noise Roundtable inclusion letter to John Lee: Anthony explained the LAX Noise roundtable. The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council has a seat. If the WHNC wants a seat Councilmember John Lee, CD12, must make a request.

Anthony moved to approve sending a letter to Mr. Lee formally requesting a seat for the WHNC, with the primary member TBD, and Brian Begun as the alternate.

Faye Barta – Absent, Brian Begun – Yes, Thomas Booth – Absent, Dan Brin – Absent, Bob Brostoff – Yes,
Tariq El-Atrache – Yes, Bonnie Klea – Absent, Heidi Manning – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes,
Anthony Scarce – Yes, Myrl Schreiber – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes
Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 5, Recusal -- 0

The motion passed. The letter will be sent to the Board for approval.

Committee Co-chair Anthony Scarce adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:30 PM.

August 26, 2021

Councilmember John Lee
City of Los Angeles Council District 12

Re: Request for motion on AB-43 (Friedman)

Dear Mr. John Lee:

WHEREAS speeding motorists are making the streets in West Hills increasingly dangerous in recent years, resulting in many accidents, injuries, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, speed is the primary factor in fatal traffic collisions and continues to kill hundreds of people in Los Angeles every year; and

WHEREAS in California, speed limits are determined by the speed of the 85th percentile of drivers. In other words, if 100 people drive down a street, the speed limit is pegged to the speed of the 16th fastest driver; and

WHEREAS currently, the 85th percentile rule requires municipalities to set speeds limits at the nearest 5-mile increment to the 85th percentile speed, with the option to go down 5 mph instead of up. For example, if the 85th percentile speed on a street is 42 mph, the city could set a speed limit of 40 mph. If that speed is 43 mph, the default speed limit would be 45, but the city could set it at 40 but no lower; and

WHEREAS in practice, the 85th percentile rule means that when reckless driving endangers neighborhood children, bicyclists, pedestrians and other motorists, a local government can't lower the speed limit to protect its residents. It could even be forced to raise the speed limit.

THEREFORE, the West Hills Neighborhood Council urges the John Lee (CD12) to introduce a motion in support of AB-43 Traffic Safety (Friedman) to the Los Angeles City Council, Transportation Committee.

AB 43, as amended, Friedman. Traffic safety.

(1) Existing law establishes various default speed limits for vehicles upon highways, as specified. Existing law authorizes state and local authorities to adjust these default speed limits, as specified, based upon certain findings determined by an engineering and traffic survey. Existing law defines an engineering and traffic survey and prescribes specified factors that must be included in the survey, including prevailing speeds and road conditions. Existing law authorizes local authorities to consider additional factors, including pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

This bill would authorize local authorities to consider the safety of vulnerable pedestrian groups, as specified.

(2) Existing law establishes a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any highway, other than a state highway, located in any business or residence district, as defined. Existing law authorizes a local authority to change the speed limit on any such highway, as prescribed, including erecting signs to give notice thereof.

This bill would establish a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour on state highways located in any business or residence district and would authorize the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to change the speed limit on any such highway, as prescribed, including erecting signs to give notice thereof.

(3) Existing law establishes a speed limit of 65 miles per hour on state highways, as specified. Existing law authorizes Caltrans to declare a speed limit on any such highway, as prescribed, of 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, or 25 miles per hour, including erecting signs to give notice thereof. Existing law also authorizes a local authority, on a section of highway, other than a state highway, where the speed limit is 65 miles per hour to declare a lower speed limit, as specified.

This bill would additionally authorize Caltrans and a local authority to declare a speed limit of 20 or 15 miles per hour, as specified, on these highways.

(4) Existing law authorizes a local authority, without an engineering and traffic survey, to declare a lowered speed limit on portions of highway, as specified, approaching a school building or school grounds. Existing law limits this authority to sections of highway meeting specified requirements relating to the number of lanes and the speed limit of the highway before the school zone.

This bill would similarly authorize a lowered speed limit on a section of highway contiguous to a business activity district, as ~~defined~~. *defined, and would require that certain violations be subject to a warning citation, for the first 30 days of implementation.*

(5) Existing law requires Caltrans, by regulation, to provide for the rounding up or down to the nearest 5 miles per hour increment of the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic on a portion of highway as determined by a traffic and engineering survey. *Existing law requires the Judicial Council to create and implement an online tool by June 30, 2024, for the adjudication of traffic infractions, among other things.*

This bill would authorize a local authority to further reduce the speed limit, as specified, and require *that certain violations be subject to a warning citation, for the first 30 days of implementation. The bill would, in some circumstances, authorize the reduction of a speed limit beginning June 30, 2024, or when the Judicial Council has developed an online tool for adjudicating traffic infraction violations, whichever is sooner. The bill would require* Caltrans to accordingly revise the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as specified.

(6) Existing law defines a speed trap and prohibits evidence of a driver's speed obtained through a speed trap from being admissible in court in any prosecution against a driver for a speed-related offense. Existing law deems a road where the speed limit is not justified by a traffic and engineering survey conducted within the previous 7 years to be a speed trap, unless the roadway has been evaluated by a registered engineer, as specified, in which case the speed limit

remains enforceable for a period of 10 years. Existing law exempts a school zone, as defined, from certain provisions relating to defining a speed trap.

This bill would extend the period that a speed limit justified by a traffic and engineering survey conducted more the 7 years ago remains valid, for purposes of speed enforcement, if evaluated by a registered engineer, as specified, to 14 years.

This bill would also exempt a senior zone and business activity district, as defined, from those provisions.

DIGEST KEY

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

BILL TEXT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 627 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

627.

(a) "Engineering and traffic survey," as used in this code, means a survey of highway and traffic conditions in accordance with methods determined by the Department of Transportation for use by state and local authorities.

(b) An engineering and traffic survey shall include, among other requirements deemed necessary by the department, consideration of all of the following:

(1) Prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements.

(2) Accident records.

(3) Highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver.

(c) When conducting an engineering and traffic survey, local authorities, in addition to the factors set forth in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (b) may consider all of the following:

(1) Residential density, if any of the following conditions exist on the particular portion of highway and the property contiguous thereto, other than a business district:

(A) Upon one side of the highway, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 13 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures.

(B) Upon both sides of the highway, collectively, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 16 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures.

(C) The portion of highway is longer than one-quarter of a mile but has the ratio of separate dwelling houses or business structures to the length of the highway described in either subparagraph (A) or (B).

(2) Safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, with increased consideration for vulnerable pedestrian groups including children, seniors, persons with disabilities, users of personal assistive mobility devices, and the unhoused.

SEC. 2.

Section 21400 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

21400.

(a) The Department of Transportation shall, after consultation with local agencies and public hearings, adopt rules and regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices placed pursuant to this code, including, but not limited to, stop signs, yield right-of-way signs, speed restriction signs, railroad warning approach signs, street name signs, lines and markings on the roadway, and stock crossing signs placed pursuant to Section 21364.

(b) The Department of Transportation shall, after notice and public hearing, determine and publicize the specifications for uniform types of warning signs, lights, and devices to be placed upon a highway by a person engaged in performing work that interferes with or endangers the safe movement of traffic upon that highway.

(c) Only those signs, lights, and devices as are provided for in this section shall be placed upon a highway to warn traffic of work that is being performed on the highway.

(d) Control devices or markings installed upon traffic barriers on or after January 1, 1984, shall conform to the uniform standards and specifications required by this section.

SEC. 3.

Section 22352 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

22352.

The prima facie limits are as follows and shall be applicable unless changed as authorized in this code and, if so changed, only when signs have been erected giving notice thereof:

(a) Fifteen miles per hour:

(1) When traversing a railway grade crossing, if during the last 100 feet of the approach to the crossing the driver does not have a clear and unobstructed view of the crossing and of any traffic on the railway for a distance of 400 feet in both directions along the railway. This subdivision does not apply in the case of any railway grade crossing where a human flagperson is on duty or a clearly visible electrical or mechanical railway crossing signal device is installed but does not then indicate the immediate approach of a railway train or car.

(2) When traversing any intersection of highways if during the last 100 feet of the driver's approach to the intersection the driver does not have a clear and unobstructed view of the intersection and of any traffic upon all of the highways entering the intersection for a distance of 100 feet along all those highways, except at an intersection protected by stop signs or yield right-of-way signs or controlled by official traffic control signals.

(3) On any alley.

(b) Twenty-five miles per hour:

(1) On any highway, in any business or residence district unless a different speed is determined by local authority or the Department of Transportation under procedures set forth in this code.

(2) When approaching or passing a school building or the grounds thereof, contiguous to a highway and posted with a standard "SCHOOL" warning sign, while children are going to or leaving the school either during school hours or during the noon recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when approaching or passing any school grounds which are not separated from the highway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the highway is posted with a standard "SCHOOL" warning sign. For purposes of this subparagraph, standard "SCHOOL" warning signs may be placed at any distance up to 500 feet away from school grounds.

(3) When passing a senior center or other facility primarily used by senior citizens, contiguous to a street other than a state highway and posted with a standard "SENIOR" warning sign. A local authority may erect a sign pursuant to this paragraph when the local agency makes a determination that the proposed signing should be implemented. A local authority may request grant funding from the Active Transportation Program pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 2380) of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, or any other grant funding available to it, and use that grant funding to pay for the erection of those signs, or may utilize any other funds available to it to pay for the erection of those signs, including, but not limited to, donations from private sources.

SEC. 4.

Section 22354 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

22354.

(a) Whenever the Department of Transportation determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey that the limit of 65 miles per hour is more than is reasonable or safe upon any portion of a state highway where the limit of 65 miles is applicable, the department may determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, or 15 miles per hour, whichever is found most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is reasonable and safe, which declared prima facie speed limit shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the highway.

(b) This section shall become operative on the date specified in subdivision (c) of Section 22366.

SEC. 5.

Section 22358 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

22358.

(a) Whenever a local authority determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey that the limit of 65 miles per hour is more than is reasonable or safe upon any portion of any street other than a state highway where the limit of 65 miles per hour is applicable, the local authority may by ordinance determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, or 15 miles per hour, whichever is found most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is reasonable and safe, which declared prima facie limit shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street.

(b) This section shall become operative on the date specified in subdivision (c) of Section 22366.

SEC. 6.

Section 22358.6 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

22358.6.

The Department of Transportation shall, in the next scheduled revision, revise and thereafter maintain the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to require the Department of Transportation or a local authority to round speed limits to the nearest five miles per hour of the 85th percentile of the free-flowing traffic. However, in cases in which the speed limit needs to be rounded up to the nearest five miles per hour increment of the 85th-percentile speed, the Department of Transportation or a local authority may decide to instead round down the speed limit to the lower five miles per hour increment. A local authority may additionally lower the speed limit as provided in Sections 22358.7 and 22358.8.

SEC. 7.

Section 22358.7 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

22358.7.

(a) If a local authority, after completing an engineering and traffic survey, finds that the speed limit is still more than is reasonable or safe, the local authority may, by ordinance, determine and declare a prima facie speed limit that has been reduced an additional five miles per hour for either of the following reasons:

- (1) The portion of highway has been designated as a safety corridor. A local authority shall not deem more than one-fifth of their streets as safety corridors.
- (2) The portion of highway is adjacent to any land or facility that generates high concentrations of bicyclists or pedestrians, especially those from vulnerable groups such as children, seniors, persons with disabilities, and the unhoused.

(b) (1) As used in this section, "safety corridor" shall be defined by the Department of Transportation in the next revision of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. In making this determination, the department shall consider highways that have the highest number of serious injuries and fatalities based on collision data that may be derived from, but not limited to, the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System.

(2) The Department of Transportation shall, in the next revision of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, determine what constitutes land or facilities that generate high concentrations of bicyclists and pedestrians, as used in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a). In making this determination, the department shall consider density, road use type, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure present on a section of highway.

(c) A local authority may not lower a speed limit as authorized by this section until June 30, 2024, or until the Judicial Council has developed an online tool for adjudicating infraction violations statewide as specified in Article 7 (commencing with Section 68645) of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Government Code, whichever is sooner.

(d) A local authority shall issue only warning citations for violations of exceeding the speed limit by 10 miles per hour or less for the first 30 days that a lower speed limit is in effect as authorized by this section.

SEC. 8.

Section 22358.8 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

22358.8.

(a) If a local authority, after completing an engineering and traffic survey, finds that the speed limit is still more than is reasonable or safe, the local authority may, by ordinance, retain the current speed limit or restore the immediately prior speed limit if that speed limit was established with an engineering and traffic survey and if a registered engineer has evaluated the section of highway and determined that no additional general purpose lanes have been added to the roadway since completion of the traffic survey that established the prior speed limit.

(b) This section does not authorize a speed limit to be reduced by any more than five miles per hour from the current speed limit nor below the immediately prior speed limit.

(c) A local authority shall issue only warning citations for violations of exceeding the speed limit by 10 miles per hour or less for the first 30 days that a lower speed limit is in effect as authorized by this section.

SEC. 9.

Section 22358.9 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

22358.9.

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, a local authority may, by ordinance, determine and declare a 25 or 20 miles per hour prima facie speed limit on a highway contiguous to a business activity district when posted with a sign that indicates a speed limit of 25 or 20 miles per hour.

(2) The prima facie limits established under paragraph (1) apply only to highways that meet all of the following conditions:

- (A) A maximum of four traffic lanes.
- (B) A maximum posted 30 miles per hour prima facie speed limit immediately prior to and after the business activity district, if establishing a 25 miles per hour speed limit.

(C) A maximum posted 25 miles per hour prima facie speed limit immediately prior to and after the business activity district, if establishing a 20 miles per hour speed limit.

(b) As used in this section, a “business activity district” is that portion of a highway and the property contiguous thereto that includes central or neighborhood downtowns, urban villages, or zoning designations that prioritize commercial land uses at the downtown or neighborhood scale and meets at least three of the following requirements in paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive:

(1) No less than 50 percent of the contiguous property fronting the highway consists of retail or dining commercial uses, including outdoor dining, that open directly onto sidewalks adjacent to the highway.

(2) Parking, including parallel, diagonal, or perpendicular spaces located alongside the highway.

(3) Traffic control signals or stop signs regulating traffic flow on the highway, located at intervals of no more than 600 feet.

(4) Marked crosswalks not controlled by a traffic control device.

(c) A local authority shall not declare a prima facie speed limit under this section on a portion of a highway where the local authority has already lowered the speed limit as permitted under Sections 22358.7 and 22358.8.

(d) A local authority shall issue only warning citations for violations of exceeding the speed limit by 10 miles per hour or less for the first 30 days that a lower speed limit is in effect as authorized by this section.

SEC. 10.

Section 40802 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

40802.

(a) A “speed trap” is either of the following:

(1) A particular section of a highway measured as to distance and with boundaries marked, designated, or otherwise determined in order that the speed of a vehicle may be calculated by securing the time it takes the vehicle to travel the known distance.

(2) A particular section of a highway with a prima facie speed limit that is provided by this code or by local ordinance under paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 22352, or established under Section 22354, 22357, 22358, or 22358.3, if that prima facie speed limit is not justified by an engineering and traffic survey conducted within five years prior to the date of the alleged violation, and enforcement of the speed limit involves the use of radar or any other electronic device that measures the speed of moving objects. This paragraph does not apply to a local street, road, school zone, senior zone, or business activity district.

(b) (1) For purposes of this section, a local street or road is one that is functionally classified as “local” on the “California Road System Maps,” that are approved by the Federal Highway Administration and maintained by the Department of Transportation. It may also be defined as a “local street or road” if it primarily provides access to abutting residential property and meets the following three conditions:

(A) Roadway width of not more than 40 feet.

(B) Not more than one-half of a mile of uninterrupted length. Interruptions shall include official traffic control signals as defined in Section 445.

(C) Not more than one traffic lane in each direction.

(2) For purposes of this section, “school zone” means that area approaching or passing a school building or the grounds thereof that is contiguous to a highway and on which is posted a standard “SCHOOL” warning sign, while children are going to or leaving the school either during school hours or during the noon recess period. “School zone” also includes the area approaching or passing any school grounds that are not separated from the highway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children if that highway is posted with a standard “SCHOOL” warning sign.

(3) For purposes of this section, “senior zone” means that area approaching or passing a senior center building or other facility primarily used by senior citizens, or the grounds thereof that is contiguous to a highway and on which is posted a standard “SENIOR” warning sign, pursuant to Section 22352.

(4) For purposes of this section, “business activity district” means a section of highway described in subdivision (b) of Section 22358.9 in which a standard 25 miles per hour or 20 miles per hour speed limit sign has been posted pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of that section.

(c) (1) When all of the following criteria are met, paragraph (2) of this subdivision shall be applicable and subdivision (a) shall not be applicable:

(A) When radar is used, the arresting officer has successfully completed a radar operator course of not less than 24 hours on the use of police traffic radar, and the course was approved and certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

(B) When laser or any other electronic device is used to measure the speed of moving objects, the arresting officer has successfully completed the training required in subparagraph (A) and an additional training course of not less than two hours approved and certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

(C) (i) The prosecution proved that the arresting officer complied with subparagraphs (A) and (B) and that an engineering and traffic survey has been conducted in accordance with subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2). The prosecution proved that, prior to the officer issuing the notice to appear, the arresting officer established that the radar, laser, or other electronic device conformed to the requirements of subparagraph (D).

(ii) The prosecution proved the speed of the accused was unsafe for the conditions present at the time of alleged violation unless the citation was for a violation of Section 22349, 22356, or 22406.

(D) The radar, laser, or other electronic device used to measure the speed of the accused meets or exceeds the minimal operational standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and has been calibrated within the three years prior to the date of the alleged violation by an independent certified laser or radar repair and testing or calibration facility.

(2) A “speed trap” is either of the following:

(A) A particular section of a highway measured as to distance and with boundaries marked, designated, or otherwise determined in order that the speed of a vehicle may be calculated by securing the time it takes the vehicle to travel the known distance.

(B) (i) A particular section of a highway or state highway with a prima facie speed limit that is provided by this code or by local ordinance under paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 22352, or established under Section 22354, 22357, 22358, or 22358.3, if that prima facie speed limit is not justified by an engineering and traffic survey conducted within one of the following time periods, prior to the date of the alleged violation, and enforcement of the speed limit involves the use of radar or any other electronic device that measures the speed of moving objects:

(I) Except as specified in subclause (II), seven years.

(II) If an engineering and traffic survey was conducted more than seven years prior to the date of the alleged violation, and a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and determines that no significant changes in roadway or traffic conditions have occurred, including, but not limited to, changes in adjoining property or land use, roadway width, or traffic volume, 14 years.

(ii) This subparagraph does not apply to a local street, road, or school zone, senior zone, or business activity district.


MOTION

Illegal Street racing and reckless driving exhibitions (also known as “side shows”), where individuals gather to watch motorists engage in exhibitions of speed and other dangerous activities while blocking roads and intersections, have been a continuing problem in the City, as well as other cities across the state. Over recent years, the internet and social media have made it even easier for organizers of these illegal events to organize and promote them, despite the best efforts of law enforcement.

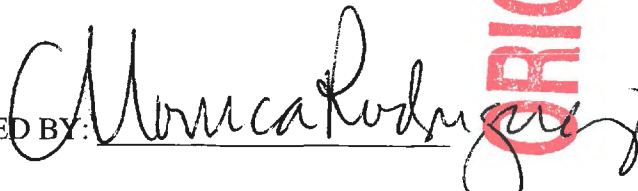
In an effort to address this in their jurisdiction, the City of San José recently adopted an ordinance to criminalize the promotion of illegal street races and side shows. Under this ordinance, it is a misdemeanor to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition in San José. As this crime is a misdemeanor, it is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months. The Council should request a report looking into the feasibility of adopting a similar ordinance in the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make it unlawful to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition, modeled after the ordinance recently adopted by the City of San José.

PRESENTED BY: _____


JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: _____


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AUG 31 2021



File # :	CF-21-0975 (Lee)
Title :	Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion / Facilitation
Type :	Streets Public Safety
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	<p>Illegal Street racing and reckless driving exhibitions (also known as "side shows"), where individuals gather to watch motorists engage in exhibitions of speed and other dangerous activities while blocking roads and intersections, have been a continuing problem in the city, as well as other cities across the state. Over recent years, the internet and social media have made it even easier for organizers of these illegal events to organize and promote them, despite the best efforts of law enforcement.</p> <p>To address this in their jurisdiction, the City of San Jose recently adopted an ordinance to criminalize the promotion of illegal street races and side shows. Under this ordinance, it is a misdemeanor to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition in San Jose. As this crime is a misdemeanor; it is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months. The Council should request a report looking into the feasibility of adopting a similar ordinance in the City of Los Angeles.</p>
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Motion :	<p>Support CF 21-0975 in that the City Attorney be requested to report on the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make it unlawful to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition, modeled after the ordinance recently adopted by the City of San Jose.</p>
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	
	YES = YES on the Motion

“NO” Vote:	
	NO = NO on the Motion