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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### SPECIAL BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Revised December 15, 2022

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, Clarice Chavira, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Bonnie Klea, Kent Mariconda, Rosi Mariconda, Saif Mogri, Mark Neudorff (arrived 8:00 PM), Bryan Newman, Alejandro Phillips, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

**ABSENT:** Syria Datla, Vinura Kotuwelle, and Azarine Rushenas

President Charlene Rothstein called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.

Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** Christine Rowe spoke about in-person meetings and ADA compliance issues.

#### Old Business:

22-0096 - Filling a Vacant Seat on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board vacated by Tariq El Atrache: Steve Randall described the interview process.

Candidates Jeffery Burnett, Laurence Goldman, William Kreke, and Miriam Schimmel spoke for two minutes each. Candidate Malihe Shamayeli was absent.

The Vacancy Committee recommended Miriam Schimmel.

Vote to fill the WHNC Board of Directors Seat – term ending June 30, 2023.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Schimmel
Faye Barta	Schimmel
Sandi Bell	Schimmel
Dan Brin	Schimmel
Bob Brostoff	Schimmel
Clarice Chavira	Schimmel
Carolyn Greenwood	Schimmel
Glenn Jennings	Schimmel
Bonnie Klea	Schimmel

Vinura Kotuwelle	Absent
Kent Mariconda	Burnett
Rosi Mariconda	Burnett
Saif Mogri	Kreke
Mark Neudorff	Absent
Bryan Newman	Schimmel
Alejandro Phillips	Schimmel
Steve Randall	Schimmel
Bill Rose	Burnett
Charlene Rothstein	Kreke
Anthony Searce	Kreke
Myrl Schreibman	Schimmel
Joan Trent	Schimmel
Brad Vanderhoof	Goldman
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Schimmel

**RESULT**

Miriam Schimmel – 15  
 Jeffery Burnett – 3  
 William Kreke – 3  
 Laurence Goldman – 1  
 Malihe Shamayeli – 0

This is a majority vote and Miriam Schimmel is now a member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board of Directors and will be seated upon taking the oath of office at the January Regular Board Meeting.

Mark Neudorff joined the meeting.

President Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC) BOARD VACANCY APPLICATION**

**Date:** September 8,2022

**Applicant's Name:** Jeffery Burnett **Occupation:** John Deere Heavy equipment repair

**Home Address:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address (if Applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Stakeholder Status (Check all that apply):** (  ) I live in West Hills, (  ) I work in West Hills,  
(  ) I own property in West Hills, (  ) I have a child enrolled in a school in West Hills,  
(  ) I belong to a religious organization in West Hills, (  ) I belong to a community organization in West Hills, (  ) OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the WHNC?** When I moved to the community in 2010 I had heard about the neighborhood councils in the valley. I'm not 100% sure how I heard. When I moved to the community I searched on-line for more info.

**How often do you attend WHNC meetings?** I have not attended any of the meetings. Due to I have been pretty happy with the goings on around the community.

**Why do you wish to participate on the WHNC Board?** I have had a interest in joining the WHNC for a few years and just never felt the time was right. Now I feel the time is right and I more mature with how the community operates and things around the community

**What are your goals for the community?** I would like feel like me being in the construction industry that I can another out look on some of the projects that are being reviewed. Also to bring maybe some new ideas or how to improve on policies or projects

**What skills do you have that might be especially useful for the WHNC?** I have a good understanding of how councils work and how municipalities operate. I work well with others and can also contribute to what ever the project might be. I also have to think outside of the box on a regular bases. I am a also a small business owner and very much support local business and will go out of my way to support

**Are you prepared to contribute at least ten (10) hours a month to community service through the council?** YES

**What areas of community service particularly interest you?** The cleanliness of the community and keep the community a community people want to live in and move to. keeping it safe for people to walk and kids to play

**Do you have any interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?**  
no

**(If you need more space, use the reverse side.)**

**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC) BOARD VACANCY APPLICATION**

**Date:** 10/10/2022

**Applicant's Name:** Laurence R. Goldman **Occupation:** Attorney

**Home Address:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address (if Applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** [REDACTED] **Mobile Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Stakeholder Status (Check all that apply):**  I live in West Hills,  I work in West Hills,  
 I own property in West Hills,  I have a child enrolled in a school in West Hills,  
 I belong to a religious organization in West Hills,  I belong to a community organization in  
West Hills,  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the WHNC?** Bill Rose. He told me of the vacancy and thought I would be interested.  
I am. I am a past member of the West Hills Neighborrhodd Council.

**How often do you attend WHNC meetings?** I have not attended many meetings.

**Why do you wish to participate on the WHNC Board?** I have always been interested in knowing what is  
taking place in my neighborhood and being part of the solution when there are issues.

**What are your goals for the community?** To insure West Hills is a great pace to live and work.

**What skills do you have that might be especially useful for the WHNC?** \_\_\_\_\_  
Leadership skills and involvement in the community. I am a past president of the West Hills Property Owners Association.  
I am a Past President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association. I am a Past Chair of the Board of Trustees of West Hills  
Hospital. I was a nominee for Fernando. I am on the Foundation Board Of the LAPD Topanga Station.

**Are you prepared to contribute at least ten (10) hours a month to community service through the council?** Yes

**What areas of community service particularly interest you?** \_\_\_\_\_  
I am willing to work on any community that needs assistance.

**Do you have any interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?**  
No  
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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC) BOARD VACANCY APPLICATION**

**Date:** 09/07/2022

**Applicant's Name:** William Kreke **Occupation:** Self Employed (pet services)

**Home Address:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address (if Applicable):** Same

**Home Phone:** [REDACTED] **Mobile Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Stakeholder Status (Check all that apply):**  I live in West Hills,  I work in West Hills,  
 I own property in West Hills,  I have a child enrolled in a school in West Hills,  
 I belong to a religious organization in West Hills,  I belong to a community organization in  
West Hills,  OTHER: In addition to Woodland Hills and Calabasas I operate my business in West Hills

**How did you hear about the WHNC?** Facebook

**How often do you attend WHNC meetings?** I have only viewed on line meetings and have not attended in person.

**Why do you wish to participate on the WHNC Board?** I would like to take a more active roll in my community. Many of my clients live in West Hills, I hear and share their concerns of increased: crime, traffic, and homelessness. I am a team player and I would like to help create solutions instead of critiques.

**What are your goals for the community?** Help create a welcoming safer community. I would like to be a part of a body that helps create a community that is attractive for people to: live, work, and establish family roots.

**What skills do you have that might be especially useful for the WHNC?** In my prior work experience I have held leadership roles in public relations and communications. As a business owner I'm concerned with the economic direction of our community and as a resident I am most concerned with the quality of life issues in West Hills.

**Are you prepared to contribute at least ten (10) hours a month to community service through the council?** Yes

**What areas of community service particularly interest you?** Public Safety, Business Development, Community Outreach Programs, and events that help engage people (clean up events & neighborhood watch)

**Do you have any interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?**  
None

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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC) BOARD VACANCY APPLICATION**

**Date:** August 21, 2022

**Applicant's Name:** Miriam Schimmel **Occupation:** Attorney (and Krav Maga instructor)

**Home Address:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address (if Applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Stakeholder Status (Check all that apply):** (x) I live in West Hills, ( ) I work in West Hills,  
(x) I own property in West Hills, (x) I have a child enrolled in a school in West Hills,  
( ) I belong to a religious organization in West Hills, ( ) I belong to a community organization in  
West Hills, ( ) OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the WHNC?** I am aware of the WHNC and its activities through the emails I receive,  
and because my neighbors are on the Board.

**How often do you attend WHNC meetings?** I have not attended any WHNC meetings to date.

**Why do you wish to participate on the WHNC Board?** I would like to become involved in the community,  
specifically to try and help foster and implement activities that enhance our community. More specifically, I would like to  
work with our community to improve all aspects of our neighborhood in ways that encourage people to drop polarizing  
and "extremist" behaviors in order to interact and work together in a positive manner for the greater good of the city.

**What are your goals for the community?** My goals are to try and serve our community by listening to and  
working with residents and business owners to facilitate actions that improve living and working here. I frequently read  
social media posts by people in our community that only complain and criticize others about issues such as local crime,  
unsafe driving, homelessness, mental health and/or drug use in our community. I would like to attempt to improve those

**What skills do you have that might be especially useful for the WHNC?** I have practiced law for over  
25 years, as well as served as a volunteer temporary judge in Los Angeles County. I am motivated to moderate different  
viewpoints/opinions to seek resolution of issues in as fair a manner, and as much in the best interests of the majority, as  
possible. I am also a great listener and effective communicator.

**Are you prepared to contribute at least ten (10) hours a month to community service through the  
council?** Yes.

**What areas of community service particularly interest you?** Community safety, youth programs, outreach  
programs for all ages, and anything that fosters business development.

**Do you have any interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?**  
None that I can think of.

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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC) BOARD VACANCY APPLICATION**

**Date:** 11/20/2022

**Applicant's Name:** Malihe Shamayeli **Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant

**Home Address:** [REDACTED]

**Work Address (if Applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(  ) I own property in West Hills, (  ) I have a child enrolled in a school in West Hills,  
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West Hills, (  ) OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the WHNC?** West Hills Council Web Page  
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**How often do you attend WHNC meetings?** I recently moved to the neighborhood and haven't had the chane to  
attend a meeting yet.

**Why do you wish to participate on the WHNC Board?** I would like to take an active role in preserving the  
beauty and sense of community through active participation in my local government  
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**What are your goals for the community?** Strong property value growth while maintining a low crime rate.  
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**What skills do you have that might be especially useful for the WHNC?** I am a certified public  
accountant, with strong analytical skills.  
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**Are you prepared to contribute at least ten (10) hours a month to community service through the  
council?** Yes

**What areas of community service particularly interest you?** Althgouh I am prepared to contirbute to my  
community in any way needed, I am particularly intrested in helping stakeholders resolve problems by connecting them with  
the right people in government.  
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**Do you have any interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?**  
I do not.

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