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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 15, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

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

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1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from January 2020, January 2020 Special, and February 2020 meetings.
3. Comments from the Chair
4. Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ONGOING BUSINESS

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Public Works Forum and budget

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and Possible Action on a printing budget for Government Relations Committee in the amount of \$175.00
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution by GHSNC to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission regarding John Lee
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Los Angeles' response to COVID-19 outbreak
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Protests against police brutality in Los Angeles
10. Adjournment

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 13, 2020

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised January 14, 2020

Those in attendance: Zach Volet, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin, Jimmy Hernandez, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Tony Scearce, and Joan Trent.

Committee Co-chair Zach called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. A quorum was established.

Zach distributed, "West Hills Neighborhood Council, Government Relations Committee, January 2020 Supporting Documents."

Chair Comments: Zach announced there will be a special meeting of the Government Relations Committee, Thursday, January 16th, after the Operations Committee meeting, to discuss CF 18-0467 – NC System Reforms.

Public Comment: Dan Brin expressed his displeasure with a motion before a City Council committee mandating a minimum age of 16 to vote in neighborhood council elections and a minimum age to serve on a neighborhood council board of 18 (excepting a possible single youth seat if designated in a neighborhood council's bylaws). Dan thinks this takes away an existing right and is contrary to democratic principles. He would like this issue on a future committee agenda.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

7. Neighborhood Councils Directly Addressing Government Officials: Zach presented a draft letter he wrote for the Board to send to Mike Feuer, City Attorney, City of Los Angeles.

Yes – 5, No – 1, Abstain – 1

The letter will be sent to the WHNC Board.

5. Draft Letter for "Required Salary Range" Disclosures: Zach explained this is the same letter previously approved by this committee and the WHNC Board asking the addition of the issue to the Los Angeles City Council 2020 Legislative Plan. The letter is addressed to Nury Martinez, City Council President, and John Lee, CD12 Councilmember.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 1

The letter will be sent to the WHNC Board.

6. Draft Letter for "Just Cause Termination" Protections: Zach explained this is the same letter previously approved by this committee and the WHNC Board asking the addition of the issue to the Los Angeles City Council 2020 Legislative Plan. The letter is addressed to Nury Martinez, City Council President, and John Lee, CD12 Councilmember.

Yes – 6, No – 1, Abstain – 0

The letter will be sent to the WHNC Board.

8. CF 19-1470, Establishment of the Office of Racial Equity (ORE):

CIS in Support: Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0
The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

9. CF 19-0002-S115, Just Cause evictions / Tenant Protections:

CIS in Support: Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0
The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

10. CF 19-0002-S135, Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act: This City Council resolution supports H.R. 1595, House Bill, U.S. 116th Congress.

CIS in Support: Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0
The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

11. CF 19-1273-S1, LAX Taxi Curbside Pickups: Item tabled to February.

Co-chair Zach adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be February 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Location TBD.

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 16, 2020

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised January 17, 2020

Those in attendance: Zach Volet, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Tony Scearce, and Joan Trent.

Committee Co-chair Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM (est.). A quorum was established.

Zach distributed, "18-0467, Neighborhood Council System Reforms."

Chair Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. CF 18-0467 Neighborhood Council System Reform: Zach explained the City Council motion proposing an ordinance mandating a minimum voting age for neighborhood council elections of sixteen and a minimum age of eighteen to serve on a neighborhood council board, with the exception of a possible single youth seat per board with an age range of fourteen to seventeen and a minimum voting age of fourteen.

Zach moved to support a CIS in opposition. Brad seconded.

The motion passed unanimously

The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

Dan said he feels strongly that the proposed ordinance is unconstitutional and against democratic principles and that he will write a letter to the Los Angeles City Council for the WHNC Board to consider.

Co-chair Zach adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM (est.).

The next meeting of this committee will be February 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Location TBD.

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 10, 2020

El Camino Real Charter High School North Campus, West Hills

Revised February 11, 2020, 2020

Those in attendance: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin (left 8:30), Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Char Rothstein (left 8:30), and Joan Trent.

Committee Co-chair Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. A quorum was established.

The December and November 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

Zach distributed, "West Hills Neighborhood Council, Government Relations Committee, January 2020 Supporting Documents."

Chair Comments: Joanne said she is working to get a date when the Public Works officials can attend a meeting. Char recommended the El Camino North Campus. The bike safety fair will be on May 16. The tentative plan to have the Public Works officials come to speak is April 28 or 29.

Joanne moved to approve a special Government Relations meeting with speakers from Public Works and to ask the Board to approve an expenditure up to \$500 for refreshments and, if required, a security guard and insurance. Saif seconded.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 0

Char and Dan left at 8:30

Public Comment: None.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. CF 19-1273-S1 LAX Taxi Curbside Pickup: Joanne distributed a Motion stamped Travel, Trade and Tourism, date stamped OCT 29 2019.

Motion to approve a CIS in favor;

Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1

The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board

6. Public Works Event: This item was discussed in chair comments.

7. CF 20-0002-S13: Item tabled to March.

Co-chair Joanne adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be March 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Location El Camino North Campus.

Resolution from GHSNC to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

Whereas, Former Councilmember Englander has pleaded guilty to charges resulting from a June 17, 2017 trip to Las Vegas wherein the Councilmember was provided with things of value by a businessperson (Businessman A) seeking introduction to local developers to improve his business income, and

Whereas, current Councilmember John Lee, who was at the time former Councilmember Englander's Chief of Staff (Staffer B), accompanied the Councilmember on the Las Vegas trip receiving some of the same things of value. and

Whereas, neither Englander or Lee promptly reimbursed Businessman A for those things of value, which included transportation, free rooms, meals, bottle service, gambling chips and cash, and

Whereas, Councilperson Lee was subsequently interviewed by the FBI as part of criminal investigation, and then allegedly advised then Councilmember Englander about the interview despite a FBI admonishment, and

Whereas, Councilmember Lee allegedly colluded with then Councilmember Englander to backdate checks to make it seem as they had both reimbursed Businessman A prior to Councilmember Lee's FBI interview, and

Whereas Councilmember Lee has never satisfactorily explained or addressed his role in this incident, and

Whereas, transparency and ethical behavior should be the cornerstone of public service; therefore be it resolved that the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission to investigate Councilmember Lee's involvement in this incident, determine if he violated ethics rules promulgated by the City of Los Angeles and produce a full public report.

Use of Rubber Bullets





Rubber bullets (also called rubber baton rounds) are rubber or rubber-coated projectiles that can be fired from either standard firearms or dedicated riot guns. They are intended to be a less lethal alternative to metal projectiles. Like other similar projectiles made from plastic, wax, and wood, rubber bullets may be used for short range practice and animal control, but are most commonly associated with use in riot control and to disperse protests.[1][2][3] These types of projectiles are sometimes called baton rounds.[4] Rubber projectiles have largely been replaced by other materials as rubber tends to bounce uncontrollably.[5]

Such "kinetic impact munitions" are meant to cause pain but not serious injury. They are expected to produce contusions, abrasions, and hematomas. However, they may cause bone fractures, injuries to internal organs, or death. In a study of injuries in 90 patients injured by rubber bullets, 1 died, 17 suffered permanent disabilities or deformities and 41 required hospital treatment after being fired upon with rubber bullets.[6] A review of studies covering 1,984 people injured by "kinetic impact projectiles" found that 53 died and 300 were permanently disabled.[7]

WARNING: The images in the following slides are extremely graphic and disturbing, and document the effects of rubber bullets when fired at peoples' faces.







