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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 7:30PM**

**Chaminade College Preparatory– Condon Center 2nd Floor 23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

**Enter Chaminade through the Cohasset Street entrance between Woodlake and Platt Avenues. Drive through the parking lot, bear left and continue over the hill until you see the Condon Family Technology Center on the left. Park in the nearest lot.**

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. Those who wish to speak during the meeting may be asked to complete a Speaker Card. Comments on matters not on the agenda 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.

- 1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum**
- 2. Comments from the Co-Chairs: Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Clarice Chavira, Co-Chairs**
- 3. General Public Comment**
- 4. Review and Discussion regarding Operating Rules**
- 5. Discussion regarding status of Senate Bill 411**
- 6. Discussion and Possible Action, including a Community Impact Statement, Council File 23-0799, City Council Meetings / Van Nuys City Hall / Resume Pre-Pandemic Regular Schedule.**
- 7. Discussion and Possible Action, including a Community Impact Statement, Council File 23-0846 Cashless Retail Business Ban.**
- 8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding future agenda items.**
- 9. Schedule next meeting and meeting adjournment.**

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### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE OPERATING RULES

**Approved October 25, 2021**

"The mission of the WHNC Government Relations Committee is to interface with local, state and federal agencies and officials and bring recommendations to the Board to protect and promote the welfare of West Hills and Los Angeles."

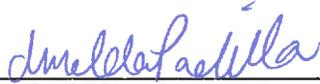
These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the Government Relations Committee by a majority vote of the members present provided possible action on the committee operating rules is announced in the agenda.

1. The Chair(s) of the Government Relations Committee are:  
Co-Chair Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb
2. Additional officer(s) appointed by the Chair(s).  
Secretary Brad Vanderhoof
3. Members of this committee shall be appointed by the Chair(s).
4. WHNC Board Members and WHNC stakeholders are eligible to serve on this committee.
5. This committee shall consist of 10 members who are:  
Aida Abkarians    Faye Barta    Clarice Chavira    Saif Mogri    Mark Neudorff  
Steve Randall    Myrl Schreiberman    Joan Trent    Brad Vanderhoof    Joanne Yvanek-Garb
6. A quorum shall consist of 6 members.
7. Voting rights shall be accorded to committee members only.
8. For this committee "serving actively" is defined as:
  1. attending regular committee meetings
  2. participating in and contribution to discussions
  3. accepting tasks or assignments to support committee objectives
9. The writing and posting of agendas shall be the responsibility of the Co-Chairs.
10. The taking and posting of minutes shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.
11. Committee members must not miss more than four (4) meetings in the previous 12-month period.
12. Committee members including officers shall not claim to be, or give the impression of, speaking or communicating by any means on behalf of the WHNC without approval from the Board.
13. Committee members including officers shall not make any representations to or requests of the Board or any other agency, on behalf of the Committee, without approval from the Committee.
14. This committee shall abide by the WHNC Code of Civility. This code shall apply to all committee members, whether or not they are members of the WHNC Board.
15. The parliamentary process is to be governed by "Rosenberg's Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21st Century."
16. All meetings, discussions, and communications pertaining to the business of this committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Brown Act.
17. This committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month unless rescheduled.

## MOTION

I move that the City Council instruct the General Services Department and Security Services to report back in 30 days on the infrastructure and safety upgrades necessary to resume its pre-pandemic regular schedule by January 1, 2024 for Council meetings in Van Nuys.

PRESENTED BY:



IMELDA PADILLA  
Councilmember, 6<sup>th</sup> District



PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



JOHN S. LEE  
Councilman, 12<sup>th</sup> District

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# MOTION <sup>TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM</sup>

There is no doubt that it is in the City's interest to empower all of our residents to participate in the City's economic life, including for all our consumers to purchase goods and services. However for many City residents (for example, those who are denied access to credit, or who are unable to obtain bank accounts), the ability to engage in consumer transactions depends on the ability to pay for goods and many services in cash. This is especially true of the very poor.

Millions of Americans do not hold bank accounts, or otherwise fall outside the non-cash financial system. Some do this by choice, because they are concerned about privacy and do not want their every financial transaction recorded by banks and credit card companies; physical cash remains the most accessible anonymous medium of exchange in this country. Others may not be able to participate in the formal banking system, or may be excluded from that system against their will. By barring the use of cash as a payment method means excluding too many people.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), in 2017, 17% of all African-American households and 14% of all Latino households in the U.S. had no bank account. These numbers may be much higher in Los Angeles where many African-American and Latino households are un-banked. Not accepting cash payment in the marketplace systematically excludes segments of the population that are largely low-income people of color. Cashless business practices may also have significant detrimental impacts on young people who do not meet age requirements for credit cards, for the elderly (many of whom have not transitioned to credit and digital payment modes at the same rate as younger generations), and for other vulnerable groups (such as homeless and immigrant populations).

The City must remain vigilant in ensuring that our economy is inclusionary and accessible to everyone. In order to ensure that all City residents — including those who lack access to other forms of payment — are able to participate in the City's economic life we should adopt an ordinance that allows them to pay cash for goods and many services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance, similar to one enacted by San Francisco, which would ban cashless retail businesses in Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:



HEATHER HUTT  
Councilwoman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



Katherine Gaudin

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