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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

FINAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 3, 2018

de Toledo High School, 22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills

ATTENDANCE:

Present, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Ivan Blume, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Steve Kallen, Bonnie Klea, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, Ed Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

Absent: None

OPENING BUSINESS:

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and established **quorum**.

Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2018 were approved as amended. Ms. Aida Abkarians stated she was present at the April 5 meeting, but after checking notes and discussion she realized that she was not present that day.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Comments from the Chair: Co-chair Dan Brin said we have a full meeting and stated that items 18-0046 and 18-0057 on the agenda have been tabled. Mr. Brin added that the Board would be holding a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, at Chaminade to discuss current budget.

EDUCATOR AWARDS:

Education Committee Co-Chairs Ed Young and Aida Abkarians, accompanied by Scott Schmerelson and Ron Rubine, presented Educator of the Year Awards. The awards were presented to two fifth grade teachers, two special education teachers, two special education teacher assistants and three volunteers. The school staff and administrators of local schools nominate recipients of these awards.

ELECTIONS OF WHNC OFFICERS:

Co-Chair Dan Brin turned the meeting over to Kathleen Quinn, Neighborhood Council advocate from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, to preside over the election of WHNC officers. This is necessary to be in compliance with the WHNC Bylaws. The officers will hold office until the next board elections in 2019.

Steve Randall nominated Dan Brin for president. There were no other nominations and Mr. Brin accepted. The vote for Mr. Brin was unanimous.

Aida Abkarians nominated Charlene Rothstein for vice president. There were no other nominations and Ms. Rothstein accepted. The vote for Ms. Rothstein was unanimous.

Dan Brin nominated Carolyn Greenwood for secretary. Jacqueline Young, a stakeholder, nominated Bobbi Trantafello. Ms. Trantafello declined and Ms. Greenwood accepted. The vote for Ms. Greenwood was unanimous.

Bob Brostoff nominated Bobbi Trantafello for treasurer. There were no other nominations. Ms. Trantafello accepted. The vote for Ms. Trantafello was unanimous.

Alec Uzemeck nominated Bob Brostoff, Myrl Schreiberman nominated Anthony Brosamle and Jacqueline Young nominated Ed Young for controller. Mr. Young declined and Mr. Brostoff and Mr. Brosamle accepted. Mr. Brosamle was elected. The vote was 13 for Mr. Brosamle, and 10 for Mr. Brostoff, with two (2) abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Ron Rubine, District Director for CD 12, advised that the new fence has been installed at Lazy J Park. Mr. Rubine stated that staff has been working aggressively on homelessness issues. Also, Councilmember Englander is supporting the El Camino High School 6K race for mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Kathleen Quinn, DONE Neighborhood Council Advocate, asked if those who attended the Outreach Workshop found it helpful. The response was positive but requested that in the future the breakout groups be in separate rooms. Ms. Quinn stated that the WHNC Bylaws are now with her supervisor for approval. One thing Ms. Quinn had to rework was the table of contents.

Leslie Shim from the Office of Community Beautification, part of the Board of Public Works, said cleanup resources and materials, including hand tools, are available free of charge for volunteer cleanup. She can be contacted at (213) 842-0149 or at leslie.shim@lacity.org.

Blake Clayton, Field Deputy for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, provided an update on the supervisor's activities, which include working on expanding services to homeless and gun violence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Rowe spoke about the Neighborhood Council's involvement with the Santa Susana Field Lab.

NEW BUSINESS:

18-0045 – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s March 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

March 2018 MER approved with a vote of 25 ayes.

18-0046 – Discussion and possible action regarding a CUP to increase enrollment at a day care/preschool, add an afternoon enrichment program/mommy and me class, located at 22566 Vanowen St., West Hills with amendments.

Item tabled.

18-0047 – Discussion and possible action to reallocate \$600 from within the Homelessness budget from Faith-based Outreach to Students

Reallocation approved with 25 yes votes.

18-0048 – Discussion and possible action on expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of fire hydrant paint projects supplies, sling bags for litter pickup, additional weed whacker trimmer line, and sandbag/weight bags to secure WHNC canopy at breezy outdoor events.

After clarification that this would come from the Clean Streets Grant expenditure, approved with 25 yes votes.

18-0049 – Discussion and possible action on request for reimbursement of \$96.39 from Streets & Transportation budget to Aida Abkarians for monies spent on Vision Zero Art Competition associated with 2017 Fall Fest

Kathleen Quinn advised that the process for reimbursing a board member requires that there was a prior board vote approving the expenditures. **The reimbursement was approved with 20 yes, 1 no and 4 abstentions upon verification of prior approval by the Board.**

18-0050 – Discussion and possible action on approving expenditure of \$200 for 4 WHNC bus bench ads.

Recommendation approved with 25 yes votes.

18-0051 – Discussion and possible action regarding approving expenditure of \$360.00 for school banners

Ed Young, co-chair of the Education Committee, advised that \$250 would come from the Education budget and \$110 would come from the Communications budget (outreach). **Recommendation approved with 25 yes votes.**

18-0052 – Discussion and possible action on moving \$453.32 from Fall Fest to Communications – Promo.

Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Budget Committee, amended the item to state \$453.32 would come from unallocated funds. **Recommendation approved with 24 yes and 1 absent (Ed Young stepped out of the room).**

18-0053 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 17-1426 – Sober Living Homes

Stakeholder Reeyan Raynes spoke about the lack of regulations in place and urged the Board to vote yes.

Recommendation approved with 25 yes votes

18-0054 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 18-0600 – Support of NCBALA White Paper

Recommendation approved with 17 yes, 3 no, 4 abstentions and 1 absent (Margery Brown stepped out of the room).

9:35 Ed Young left.

18-0055 – Discussion and Possible Action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 17-0042 – Ban on Developer Campaign Contributions

Dan Brin recommended that conflict-of-interest rules be extended to cover campaign contributions, meaning City Council members would be required to recuse themselves on matters affecting campaign contributors.

Recommendation as amended passed with 21 yes, 2 no and 2 absent.

18-0056 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 15-0389-S1 – Addressing City Council Time Limit

Recommendation passed with 24 yes and 1 absent.

18-0057 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 14-0655-S6 Homeless Youth and Families/School System

Item tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: March 2018

Budget Fiscal Year: 2017-2018

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

| Monthly Cash Reconciliation | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance | Total Spent | Remaining Balance | Outstanding | Commitments | Net Available |
| \$23781.24 | \$6527.13 | \$17254.11 | \$4204.44 | \$0.00 | \$13049.67 |

| Monthly Cash Flow Analysis | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Budget Category | Adopted Budget | Total Spent this Month | Unspent Budget Balance | Outstanding | Net Available |
| Office | \$32150.00 | \$0.00 | \$13874.47 | \$0.00 | \$13874.47 |
| Outreach | | \$1523.13 | | \$0.00 | |
| Elections | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Community Improvement Project | \$1500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1500.00 |
| Neighborhood Purpose Grants | \$9850.00 | \$5004.00 | \$3554.00 | \$4204.44 | \$-650.44 |
| Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00 | | Encumbrances: \$0.00 | | Previous Expenditures: \$18044.40 | |

| Expenditures | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| # | Vendor | Date | Description | Budget Category | Sub-category | Total |
| 1 | THE WEB CORNER | 03/01/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$150.00 |
| 2 | HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS 2 | 03/02/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$212.79 |
| 3 | THE HOME DEPOT #1070 | 03/02/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$48.05 |
| 4 | INT IN MARTIN OUTDOOR | 03/08/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$200.00 |
| 5 | USPS PO 0512440133 | 03/09/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$6.39 |
| 6 | GARRETT SPECIALTIES | 03/16/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$37.40 |
| 7 | GARRETT SPECIALTIES | 03/16/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$618.50 |
| 8 | CAPISTRANO AVE ELEMENTARY | 02/07/2018 | FURNITURE FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$1729.00 |
| 9 | HAYNES CHARTER ES PTO | 02/13/2018 | UPDATE SCHOOL LIBRARY | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$1200.00 |

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|------------------|----------------------|------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| 10 | TEAM POMELO | 03/05/2018 | STAKEHOLDER MAGAZINE | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$2075.00 |
| 11 | JCS Catering Company | 03/07/2018 | NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUPPORT VANC 15TH AN... | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$250.00 |
| Subtotal: | | | | | | \$6527.13 |

| Outstanding Expenditures | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| # | Vendor | Date | Description | Budget Category | Sub-category | Total |
| 1 | PARENTS OF WELBY WAY | 01/24/2018 | AN OUTDOOR LITERACY GARDEN | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$1815.00 |
| 2 | HAMLIN CHARTER | 01/29/2018 | STAGE LIGHTING | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$1489.44 |
| 3 | FLEET STREET, INC | 04/05/2018 | SPRING EVENT LA VISION ZERO PROGRAM | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$900.00 |
| Subtotal: Outstanding | | | | | | \$4204.44 |

WHNC Controller's Audited Expense Report
March, 2018

| | Committee | Item | Budget | Jul-17 | Aug-17 | Sep-17 | Oct-17 | Nov-17 | Dec-17 | Jan-18 | Feb-18 | Mar-18 | Total Spent | Pending | Total Spent + Pending | % Spent + Pending | Balance |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Office | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Meeting Rent | 5.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 5.00 |
| | | P.O. Box Rental | 284.00 | | | | | | 296.00 | | | | 296.00 | | 296.00 | 104% | -12.00 |
| | | Temp Staff | 16,988.00 | | 3,267.00 | 980.10 | | | 4,247.10 | 1,306.80 | 1,306.80 | 0.00 | 11,107.80 | | 11,107.80 | 65% | 5,880.20 |
| | | Rack Space | 440.00 | | | | | 106.92 | | | | | 106.92 | | 106.92 | 24% | 333.08 |
| Sub Total | | Sub Total | 17,717.00 | 0.00 | 3,267.00 | 980.10 | 0.00 | 106.92 | 4,247.10 | 1,602.80 | 1,306.80 | 0.00 | 11,510.72 | 0.00 | 11,510.72 | 65% | 6,206.28 |
| Outreach | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Comm | Board Mtg Expenses | 700.00 | 193.50 | 57.48 | 54.17 | 76.40 | 93.08 | 81.13 | 132.29 | 59.75 | 6.39 | 754.19 | | 754.19 | 108% | -54.19 |
| | Comm | Committee Printing | 461.00 | 4.00 | 2.46 | | 33.88 | 9.00 | 28.58 | | | | 77.92 | | 77.92 | 17% | 383.08 |
| | Comm | iContact | 530.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 530.00 |
| | Comm | Hot Spot | 0.00 | | 93.97 | | | | | | | | 93.97 | | 93.97 | | -93.97 |
| | Comm | Web Site Maintenance | 1,800.00 | | | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 450.00 | 150.00 | 650.00 | 150.00 | 1,850.00 | | 1,850.00 | 103% | -50.00 |
| | Comm | Memorial Day Parade | 1,500.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 1,500.00 |
| | Comm | Communicatons Comm | 160.00 | | | | | | 62.97 | | | | 62.97 | | 62.97 | 39% | 97.03 |
| | Comm | Web Site Improvement | 500.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | Comm | Promo | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| | EP | Stakeholder Forums | 385 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | | 385.00 |
| | Comm | Tabling | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| | Comm | Fall Fest | 1,658.30 | | | | | 1,658.22 | | 0.00 | 43.76 | | 1,701.98 | | 1,701.98 | 103% | -43.68 |
| | Comm | Bus Bench Ads | 400.00 | | | | | | | | | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | Home | Faith Based Outreach | 600.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 600.00 |
| | Home | Home Grown Outreach | 95.00 | | | 8.90 | | | 15.95 | | | | 24.85 | | 24.85 | 26% | 70.15 |
| | Home | LAHSA Connect Day | 500.00 | | | | | | 500 | | | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | Home | Shower Project | 250.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 250.00 |
| | Home | Students | 1,375.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 1,375.00 |
| | Home | Homeless Count LAHSA | 55.00 | | | | | | 55.17 | | | | 55.17 | | 55.17 | 100% | -0.17 |
| | S&T | Streets/Transportation | 2,000.00 | | | | | | | | | 655.90 | 655.90 | | 655.90 | 33% | 1,344.10 |
| | Gov't | EMPLA Awards | 100.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 100.00 |
| | Gov't | Budget Advocates | 100.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 100.00 |
| | Gov't | VANC | 450.00 | | | | | 200.00 | | | | 250.00 | 450.00 | | 450.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | Gov't | EMPLA Congress | 300.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 300.00 |
| | Unallocated | | 513.70 | | | | | | | | | 77.02 | 77.02 | | 77.02 | 15% | 436.68 |
| Sub Total | | Sub Total | 14,433.00 | 197.50 | 153.91 | 213.07 | 260.28 | 2,110.30 | 1,138.63 | 337.46 | 830.53 | 1,262.29 | 6,503.97 | 700.00 | 7,203.97 | 50% | 7,229.03 |
| CIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Beautificatio | Grant | 1,500.00 | | | | | | | | | 260.84 | 260.84 | 0.00 | 260.84 | 17% | 1,239.16 |
| Sub Total | | Sub Total | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 260.84 | 260.84 | 0.00 | 260.84 | 17% | 1,239.16 |
| NPG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Education | Education NPG's (Balance) | 249.56 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0% | 249.56 |
| | | Pomelo | 2,075.00 | | | | | | | | | 2,075.00 | 2,075.00 | | 2,075.00 | 0% | 0.00 |
| | | Hamlin | 1,489.44 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 1,489.44 |
| | | Enadia | 1,292.00 | | | | | | | | 1,292.00 | | 1,292.00 | | 1,292.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | | Haynes | 1,200.00 | | | | | | | | | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | | Capistrano | 1,729.00 | | | | | | | | | 1,729.00 | 1,729.00 | | 1,729.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| | | Welby Way | 1,815.00 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 1,815.00 | 1,815.00 | 100% | 0.00 |
| Sub Total | | Sub Total | 9,850.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,292.00 | 5,004.00 | 4,221.00 | 1,815.00 | 6,036.00 | 61% | 3,814.00 |
| Grand Total | | Grand Total | 43,500.00 | 197.50 | 3,420.91 | 1,193.17 | 260.28 | 2,217.22 | 5,385.73 | 1,940.26 | 3,429.33 | 6,527.13 | 22,496.53 | 2,515.00 | 25,011.53 | 57% | 18,488.47 |

Agenda Item 18-0048 - Discussion and possible action on expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of fire hydrant paint project supplies, sling bags for litter pickup, additional weed whacker trimmer line, and sandbag/weight bags to secure WHNC canopy at breezy outdoor events

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Project Source Paint Brush

(13)

\$1.48



Rust-Oleum Stops Rust Sunburst Yellow Gloss Oil-based Enamel Interior/Exterior Paint (Actual Net Contents: 32-fl oz)

\$22.48

No reviews

HOUSING

MOTION

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Local jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, have wrestled with how to categorize and regulate group home-related uses over the last decade or so, but have not settled upon a consensus as to how to proceed. Past efforts by the City Council to find ways to address the impacts of group home-related uses in residential neighborhoods have encountered the complexities of trying to rein in abuses while respecting not only state and federal law, but also the variety of reasons groups of unrelated adults may have for living under the same roof. As we explore how to better manage group homes, especially those run by commercial entities, these concerns, along with state and federal regulations, must be respected.

That residents of some group homes are disabled adds a layer of complexity as well. Federal and State law demand that local jurisdictions ensure the disabled are not discriminated against in housing. Indeed, housing designed specifically for certain groups is necessary for the health and well-being of the community. According to the California Research Bureau's 2016 report, "Sober Living Homes in California: Options for State and Local Regulation," sober living homes are integral to California's system of substance abuse resources. Yet no state agency formally regulates sober living homes. State laws and licensing requirements governing treatment and care facilities do not apply to sober living homes. Even at the State level, there have been more than two dozen unsuccessful attempts by the state legislature to fine-tune the state's laws regarding sober living homes since 1998.

Various jurisdictions, both within and outside California, have considered or approved local regulations governing group home related uses, aspects of which might prove applicable in Los Angeles. The City should review these efforts, including any ordinances that have been approved along with any litigation they may have engendered, and determine whether aspects of any of them could be applicable to circumstances here with regard to mitigating the impacts of group homes, including sober living homes.

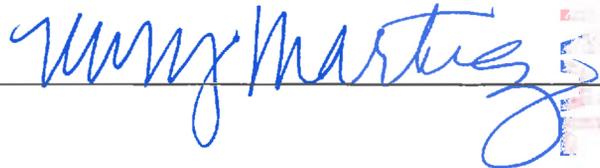
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to review the legislative and regulatory opportunities the City may have for mitigating the impacts of all kinds of group homes on surrounding neighborhoods and communities, including a thorough review of such efforts undertaken in other jurisdictions, and to report back to the City Council within 120 days with analysis, options and recommendations.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

RE: CF 17-1426

Regulation of Sober Living Facilities

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
From: Government Relations Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 4/16/18
Date submitted for Board Consideration: 5/3/18

Council File 17-1426 requests the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst to review legislative and regulatory the use and neighborhood impact of Sober Living Facilities. Local jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, have wrestled with how to categorize and regulate group home-related uses over the last decade or so, but have not settled upon a consensus as to how to proceed. Past efforts by the City Council to find ways to address the impacts of group home-related uses in residential neighborhoods have encountered the complexities of trying to rein in abuses while respecting not only state and federal law, but also the variety of reasons groups of unrelated adults may have for living under the same roof. As we explore how to better manage group homes, especially those run by commercial entities, these concerns, along with state and federal regulations, must be respected. That residents of some group homes are disabled adds a layer of complexity as well. Federal and State law demand that local jurisdictions ensure the disabled are not discriminated against in housing.

RECOMMENDATION to the Board: The Government Relations Committee recommends a “FOR” vote on CF 17-1426.

The Government Relations Committee and has approved a Community Impact Statement to be added to Council File 17-1426.

- The legislative and regulations opportunities should include the definitions of the following: Sober Living Facility, Sober Living Homes, Half-way House, Single family home conversions, and a Group Home. Further, we also want to address and request the procedure and requirements for single family homes that rent out by the room or bed.
- The City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to review the legislative and regulatory opportunities the City may have for mitigating the impacts of all kinds of group homes on the surrounding neighborhoods and communities.
- There should be a thorough review of such efforts undertaken in other jurisdictions.
- There should be a report back to the City Council within 120 days with analysis options and recommendations

The West Hills Neighborhood Council request that this Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 17-1426.

Agenda Item 18-0053

Fiscal Impact Report: Unknown

Quorum: _____

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| For | |
| For if amended | |
| Against | |
| Recusal | |

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| Abstain | |
| No Position Council file discussed but NC could not muster enough votes either way | |
| Absent | |
| | |

Agenda Item 18-0053

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

MOTION

I MOVE that the City Council hereby express its intent to hold a public hearing on the Mayor's Proposed 2018-19 Budget for the City on Friday, May 18, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the John Ferraro Council Chamber.

I FURTHER MOVE that in order to provide adequate time for the City Council to consider the Budget and Finance Committee report on the Mayor's Proposed 2018-19 Budget, the City Council hereby schedules a special meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018, which shall be devoted entirely to consideration of the Budget and Finance Committee report and City Council motions to amend the Mayor's Proposed 2018-19 Budget, and continuing each regular and special Council meeting day until such time as the City Council concludes its consideration of the Proposed Budget.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, be instructed to provide information to the public on the Mayor's Proposed 2018-19 Budget and publish the required public notices.

PRESENTED BY Paul Krekorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY [Signature]

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[Signature]

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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

RE: CF 18-0600

Support of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates White Paper

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
From: Government Relations Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 4/16/18
Date submitted for Board Consideration: 5/3/18

Council File 18-0600 supports the Neighborhood Council's Budget Advocates (NCBA) White Paper listing recommendations for Department's efficiency and Revenue Enhancements.

RECOMMENDATION to the Board: The Government Relations Committee recommends a "FOR" vote on CF 18-0600.

The Government Relations Committee and has approved a Community Impact Statement to be added to Council File 18-0600.

- The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates met with individual departments and their General Managers to develop their recommendations for efficiencies.
- The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates made recommendations for Revenue Enhancements.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council request that this Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 18-0600.

Fiscal Impact Report: Unknown

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Agenda Item 18-0054

MOTION

During Los Angeles' March 2015 election, only one in ten eligible voters chose to submit ballots. This low voter turnout is likely due, in part, to voters' belief that they can do little to influence local elections and policies.

This belief is reinforced when developers, and others who have business before the City of Los Angeles contribute widely to political campaigns, and in some cases, flout campaign finance rules entirely. Unlike the City's ban on campaign contributions from companies seeking City contracts, no such ban currently exists for developers seeking City approvals on their potentially-lucrative projects.

Previously, legal uncertainty prevented such a ban; however, in 2004 the City of San Diego implemented a ban on donations from special interests, and this ban was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2011, citing the importance of the "anticorruption and anticircumvention interests" of the restrictions. This recent court decision forges the legal path for Los Angeles to move forward.

Limiting contributions from certain non-individuals can also improve election turnout. When New York City restricted contributions from some non-individual entities, its share of campaign contributions to candidates by individuals rose from 61% in 1997 to 92% in 2013, pointing toward the effectiveness of these measures in their mission to create more local elections driven by individual voters, donors, and stakeholders.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission be requested to prepare an ordinance similar to the 2011 Measure H restrictions approved by the voters, to prohibit contributions to City elected officials and candidates for City office from developers and their principals with development projects currently or recently being considered for discretionary approval by the City.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Ethics Commission, in coordination with the City Attorney and the Planning Department, be requested to report on possible options for the definition of a "developer" to ensure as wide a net as possible is cast, in addition to exploring whether contractors and subcontractors on development projects requiring discretionary council approval should be included in this ban.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Ethics Commission be requested to report on best practices, in line with the spirit and intent of this motion, from other jurisdictions who have implemented such bans. In particular, the Metro model based on recusal from voting on contracts where the Board member has accepted monetary contributions should be examined as a possible alternative to a full ban if it proves to be a more constitutionally permissible model.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Ethics Commission be requested to prepare an ordinance to require campaign committees to provide additional information on non-individual entity contributors, including a category that denotes contributions derived from developers and their principals.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Ethics Commission be requested to prepare an ordinance to require a signed affidavit that requires the contributor to positively affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the contribution is being made by the contributor, that the contributor is not being reimbursed, and that the contributor does not have any open applications for discretionary approval of development projects before the city, in addition to any other city ethics laws that should be included in the affidavit.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed and the Ethics Commission be requested to report on the costs and benefits of increasing the size of enforcement staff at the Ethics Commission to increase the number of inspections and audits that can be carried out to reduce the incidences of campaign finance fraud and improve transparency, and, to report on the costs of creating an accessible and easy-to-navigate website with front page access to the whistleblower hotline.

CO-PRESENTED BY Paul Kerkorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

CO-PRESENTED BY David Ryu
DAVID RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

CO-PRESENTED BY Joe Buscaino
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

CO-PRESENTED BY Paul H.
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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

RE: CF 17-0042

Ban on Developer Contributions

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
From: Government Relations Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 4/16/18
Date submitted for Board Consideration: 5/3/18

Council File 17-0042 recognizes that developers, and others who have business before the City of Los Angeles contribute widely to political campaigns, and in some cases, flout campaign finance rules entirely. Unlike the City's ban on campaign contributions from companies seeking City contracts, no such ban currently exists for developers seeking City approvals on their potentially-lucrative projects. Previously, legal uncertainty prevented such a ban; however, in 2004 the City of San Diego implemented a ban on donations from special interests, and this ban was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2011, citing the importance of the "anticorruption and anti-circumvention interests" of the restrictions. This recent court decision forges the legal path for Los Angeles to move forward.

RECOMMENDATION to the Board: The Government Relations Committee recommends a "FOR" vote on CF 17-0042.

The Government Relations Committee and has approved a Community Impact Statement to be added to Council File 17-0042.

- Limiting contributions from certain non-individuals can also improve election turnout.
- Request the City Ethics Commission prepare an ordinance prohibiting contributions to City elected officials and candidates for City office from developers and their principals with development projects currently or recently being considered for discretionary approval by the City.
- We support having the definition of a developer being as broadly defined as possible.
- We support best practices for enforcement of the new ordinance with examples being taken from other jurisdictions which have implemented such bans.
- The Ethics Commission should provide a method for additional information on contributions from non-individual entities.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council request that this Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 17-0042.

Agenda Item 18-0055

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MOTION

The new City Charter effective July 1, 2000 established the Neighborhood Council System, to connect government with communities, promote more citizen participation in government, and make government more responsive to local needs. As the system grew, neighborhood council representatives expressed a need for more time when addressing the City Council to fully explain their thoughts, ideas, and opinions regarding decisions to be made on issues that directly affect their communities than was provided through the standard public comment period. In response, the City Council adopted an ordinance in 2015 (C.F. 15-0389 and 15-0524), which states that the meeting chair "...may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more comment time than allotted to members of the general public." This extended time provision has proven successful in increasing the level of neighborhood council dialog during crucial policy-making decisions.

A very small handful of established community councils pre-date the City's system of Certified Neighborhood Councils -- most notably, the Pacific Palisades Community Council, founded in 1973, and the Brentwood Community Council, founded in 1998. Early on, these organizations opted not to join City's Neighborhood Council System, but they nevertheless continue to serve as the officially recognized representative bodies of Pacific Palisades and Brentwood, with a collective stakeholder population of approximately 77,000 people. These elected bodies provide the same crucial function as certified neighborhood councils -- to vet community issues and serve as official open forums for weighing-in on official City business.

In 2013, the City Council adopted a similar policy enhancement (C.F. 13-1625) by instructing the Department of City Planning to "formally begin providing the Pacific Palisades Community Council and Brentwood Community Council with the same level of notification offered to the City's certified neighborhood councils on all planning matters, including legally mandated public hearing notices." Based on this precedent and the vital representation function these all-volunteer bodies provide to the City, the same discretionary extended time allowance for Certified Neighborhood Councils should be applied to select non-certified community councils that meet specifically defined criteria.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to amend Section 22.819 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to include an additional time set aside provision by applying the current discretionary extended time allowance to non-certified community councils when a representative presents an official position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission, provided that the organization was formally established prior to July 1, 2000 and has remained in continuous operation, has duly elected representatives and formally adopted bylaws, serves as the preeminent representative body for an official City of Los Angeles community or neighborhood, and has clearly defined geographic boundaries that do not in any way overlap with those of existing Certified Neighborhood Councils.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

RE: CF 15-0389-S1

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
From: Government Relations Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 4/16/18
Date submitted for Board Consideration: 5/3/18

Council File 15-0389-S1 requests that The Pacific Palisades and Brentwood Community Councils, not part of the Neighborhood Council System, be allotted that 5 minutes of speaking time that is granted to Certified Neighborhood Councils who have submitted Community Impact Statements on Council Files.

RECOMMENDATION to the Board: The Government Relations Committee recommends a “NAY” vote on CF 15-0389-S1.

The Government Relations Committee and has approved a Community Impact Statement to be added to Council File 15-0389-S1.

- Each Neighborhood Council had to submit an application and go through the process of being certified.
- There are currently 97 Certified Neighborhood Councils with several more in process.
- Each board member of a Certified Neighborhood Council had to go through an Election, Ethics Training on a bi-annual basis, Funding Training, and sign a Code of Civility in order to participate in the system.
- Additionally, all Board and Committee meetings of each Neighborhood Council are subject to the Brown Act.
- The Community Councils have chosen not to participate in the Neighborhood Council System and be subjected to those rules and regulations.

We therefore recommend that those Community Councils that are not part of the Neighborhood Council system not be given the additional time to 5 minutes and be limited to the standard 2 minutes during public comment.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council request that this Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 15-0389-S1.

Agenda Item 18-0056

Fiscal Impact Report: Unknown

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