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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 2nd Floor** **23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

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| 1. | Call to order | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 2. | Establish Quorum | Mrs. Carolyn Greenwood, Secretary |
| 3. | Comments from the Co-Chairs | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 4. | Approve minutes from September 12, 2023 | Mrs. Carolyn Greenwood, Secretary |
| 5. | Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |

New Business:

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| 6. | Discussion and possible action regarding possible support for United Neighbors and in sending a letter to City Council and to Mayor Karen Bass | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 7. | Discussion and possible action regarding implementing a sub-committee to form a land use Vision for West Hills 2023 | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 8. | Meeting Adjournment - Next Meeting November 14, 2023 | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |

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JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 12, 2023

Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 1st Floor

2341 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304

1. Call to Order at 6:40 P.M. by Co-Chair Bill Rose.
2. Quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Faye Barta, Carolyn Greenwood, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreibman and Joan Trent.

Committee Members Absent: Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin and Saif Mogri

Other Board Members Present: Ian Afazeli, Glenn Jennings, Penny Newmark and Brad Vanderhoof

3. Minutes from the March 14, 2023 approved.
Minutes from June 13, 2023 approved as amended
Minutes from August 8, 2023 (which are notes as meeting could not be held due to technical problems) were approved
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:
Stakeholder asked who is in charge of trees and sidewalks. Advised to contact the Streets and Transportation Committee and Beautification Committee regarding her concerns.
5. Comments from the Co-Chairs
Bill Rose asked that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of 9/11.
Char Rothstein

New Business:

6. Discussion and possible action regarding revisions/changes to the Zoning & Planning Operating Rules

Char Rothstein advised that the Operating Rules need to be updated because of changes to the members on the Committee. Carolyn Greenwood is the current secretary. There are two new members, Penny Newmark and Genevieve. Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown and Bonnie Klea are no longer on the committee and Dan Brin's status has changed to Community Stakeholder. These changes result in item #5 (committee members) changing to 13 and item #6 (establishing quorum) changing to 7. In addition, item # 11 (yearly reports) needs to be deleted. Balance of items to be renumbered accordingly.

Old Business:

7. Discussion and possible action regarding issues and concerns received from stakeholders living in the vicinity of the All American BBQ restaurant located at 6719 Platt Avenue, southwest corner of Vanowen & Platt

The owner of the restaurant could not be present but sent an email to Bill Rose advising that he had talked to the homeowner and explained that the smoke was not coming from his smoker, which he operated in the morning and they came to an understanding. Stakeholder Esperanza stated that they did not come to an understanding. Brad Vanderhoof stated that the smoke (that is a problem) is coming from the out door grill not from the smoker that is used in the morning. Char advised Esperanza that she should file a complaint. Char advised, in addition, the owner is advertising live music and he doesn't have a permit. Char advised that the Committee will also prepare a complaint.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the submission of a letter including documents and a WHNC traffic report regarding the proposed Chaminade expansion.

Anthony Scarce informed those present about the findings and requests of the Sub-Committee. He explained both what the current zone was, what the school was requesting and what the Sub-Committee was requesting the zone be changed to. The Sub-Committee is proposing sending a letter to Chaminade outlining the WHNC findings and conditions for the expansion. Barbara Kogen and Penny Newmark explained how they did the traffic study and the potential impact on the neighborhood. Jeff Sacher explained to those present that voting on this letter is not the final vote. This is just the beginning. We will be visiting this again. No one is saying that they don't want the expansion, just saying initial things that would be more beneficial for the community.

A stakeholder suggested that if the project could be recessed that it probably would eliminate the problem with the height of the lights and would mitigate the sound.

The motion was made to send the letter with WHNC's initial findings and supporting documents forward. Motion passed with 9 (nine) yes votes and 1 (one abstention). Copy of letter and documents are to be posted on the WHNC website.

9. The meeting was adjourned by Bill at 7:48p.m

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**A California Coalition to
Protect Neighborhoods**

**Joining Together to
Preserve Neighborhoods**

United Neighbors is a coalition of neighborhood residential groups throughout California. Our common goal is to protect multi-family and single-family neighborhoods while supporting affordable and equitable housing for all. The rights of all residents and the rights of people needing affordable housing are bound together, and the solution to our affordable housing crisis requires thoughtful, effective, and rapid-acting legislation with community input.

United Neighbors looks forward to working with elected officials so they can implement good housing policy with community inputs and ideas. We encourage everyone to counteract the false narrative that single-family zoning is the cause of our affordable housing shortage and instead collaboratively solve the real problem – the urgent need for effective funding strategies. Together we will:

- Preserve neighborhoods.
- Protect open spaces and environments.
- Ensure local control so housing is built in appropriate areas with adequate infrastructure.
- Create housing in commercial areas and on publicly owned land.
- Commit Government funding and subsidies to produce affordable housing.

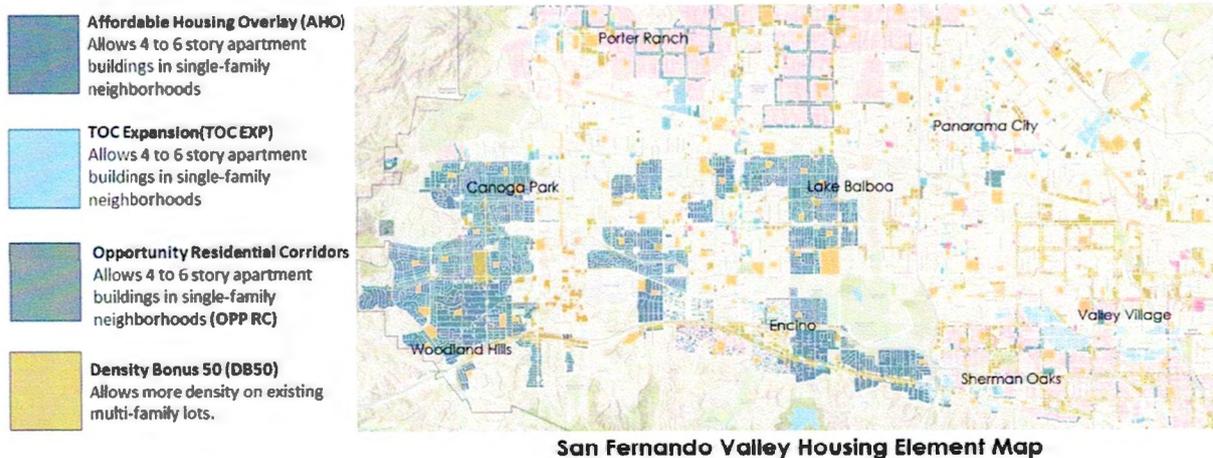
State legislation continues to target the upzoning of neighborhoods. These bills often benefit only land speculators and developers by driving up land values, increasing housing costs, and creating more unneeded market-rate housing. In most cases, current zoning, if properly implemented, can provide all needed housing.

United Neighbors encourages legislators to leverage our tax dollars to subsidize affordable housing because the old private-sector model has not provided and will not provide the necessary amount of affordable housing. When our elected officials ask the right questions, they will find the right answers to our affordable housing crisis. Join us to help them get it right!

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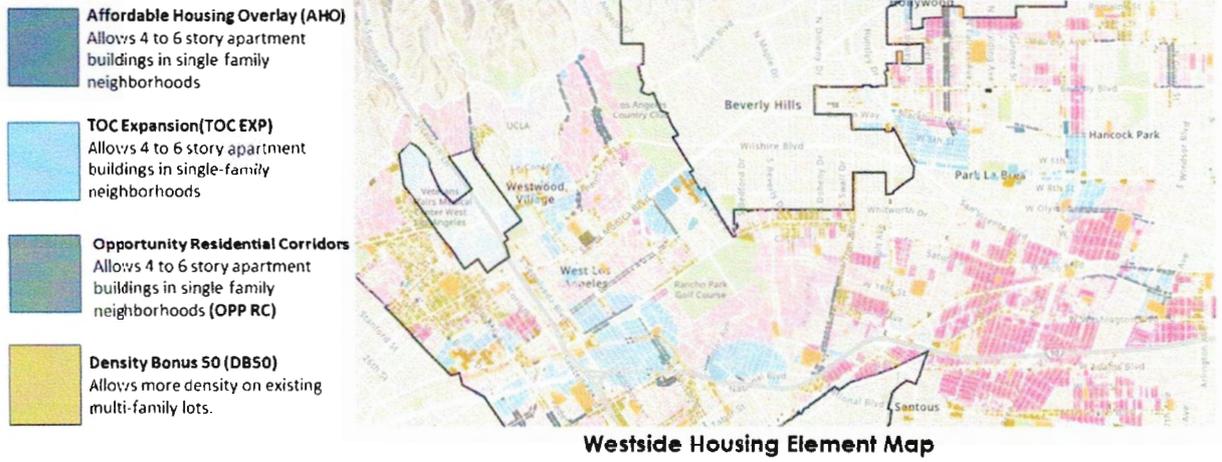
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[Interview with KFI AM Radio](#), 3/23/21



This is one of the Los Angeles Planning

Department's maps of proposed rezoning.



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Don't Let This Happen In Your Neighborhood

SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

The City of Los Angeles is out to end single-family neighborhoods

While there is no doubt that Los Angeles needs more affordable housing, there is also no doubt that the LA City Planning Department is currently proposing the rezoning of our single-family and sensitive multi-family neighborhoods to allow 4-5 story apartments. This is not acceptable! Many of these neighborhoods are home to people who have struggled and saved to create a place for their families. With zero guardrails, Planning is

handing these residential communities over to developers.

Instead of destroying residential neighborhoods, we've worked with neighborhoods across Los Angeles and created community maps that locate enough housing to meet the state's housing mandate. These community-based maps rezone underutilized commercial corridors, public lands, and create places for mixed income housing that would revitalize ALL our communities and make them more walkable, sustainable, and livable. While being mindful of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, we can meet the need of our city without ruining our existing neighborhoods.

Our mayor has said, "I would not and I do not believe you force things on people. But you do involve people and let them come up with their own solutions. The attitude has to be 'we all have skin in the game' and given that how do you deal with it in your neighborhood."

We, United Neighbors, are doing our part to find solutions but is the City willing to let us have skin in the game?

We don't need to destroy our housing to build new housing.

Now we need YOUR HELP! Tell your elected representative to stop needless rezoning of your neighborhoods!

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Planning and Land Use (PLUM) and Vision Sub-Committee

Committee Chair Person(s):

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Tom Capps	Tom Boulet
Arthur Hutchinson	Tom Glick
Mikie Maloney	Jeffrey Hartsough
Rick Mayer	Maria Pavlou Kalban
Lisa Petrus	Mikie Maloney
Neal Roden	Sue Steinberg
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The mission of Planning and Land Use Committee is to receive and provide notice to affected stakeholders of the proposed issues under its purview; research each issue in an effort to develop a thorough understanding of any given proposal; notice to all parties on all sides of any proposal; provide ample and balanced opportunity to be heard; balance the interest of the stakeholders and the community at large; to make specific recommendations to the SONC and the C of Los Angeles regarding approval, disapproval, or modification of issues that

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