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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### **JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6:15 p.m.**

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

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This meeting is open to the public. 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
2. Establish Quorum
3. Approve minutes of Sept. 16, 2020
4. Public Comment

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

5. Discussion and possible action on stakeholder complaint regarding LADWP power outages.
6. Discussion and possible action on Neighborhood Watch groups
7. Discussion and possible action on writing a letter to Councilman John Lee re: Reactivating RV Parking areas. (CF 20-0147-S7)
8. Discussion and possible action on amending Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness operating Rules.
9. Safety Tip of the Month
10. General discussion on any other Committee matters.
11. Meeting adjournment

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**Reconsideration and Grievance Process:** For information on the WHNC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the WHNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our website, [www.WestHillsNC.org](http://www.WestHillsNC.org).

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting a report from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) regarding causes and actions taken to address recent power outages, the delay in restoring power, and the plan to help prevent further power outages.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Lee - Blumenfield):

REQUEST that the LADWP immediately report to the Council on the causes of recent power outages, actions taken to address the power outages, and the causes for the delay in restoring power; and, report to the Council on the plan to help prevent further power outages, especially at this time during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has submitted a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on September 15, 2020, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered Motion (Lee - Blumenfield) relative to requesting that the LADWP immediately report to the Council on the causes of recent power outages, actions taken to address the power outages, and the causes for the delay in restoring power; and, to also report on the plan to help prevent further power outages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The LADWP presented on the amount of customers who experienced power service interruptions and the average number of LADWP crews dispatched to restore service in August and September 2020 in comparison to prior years, staffing resources needed to replace distribution equipment in residential areas, new challenges impacting the power distribution system in residential neighborhoods due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LADWP's response to controlling overloads during high peak days, response time to incidents within each Council District and the most affected communities during said heat storms, total number of distribution transformers replaced in the past three years under the Power System Reliability Program, and the LADWP's plan to address future power distribution overloads. The Committee and LADWP discussed the increased load demand in residential areas due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with more customers working and distance learning from home, unregistered businesses that moved from commercial areas to residential neighborhoods, increased air conditioning load, and increased electric vehicle charging needs. The Committee and LADWP also discussed the impact of cannabis grow houses in residential neighborhoods and the LADWP's enforcement efforts, LADWP's assessment service offered to customers to evaluate electrical capacity needs for residential upgrades, and the LADWP's response to address increased load demands in residential areas. Councilmember Krekorian requested a detailed written summary of the power system failure at the LADWP North Hollywood distribution station during the Labor Day 2020 weekend, including what occurred during the incident, what the failure was, and the location of said failure, directed to the Council District 2 Office.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the

recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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MOTION

On March 16, 2020, Mayor Garcetti announced relaxed parking enforcement as part of the City's response to COVID-19. From March to June 2020, the Los Angeles County unemployment rate has risen from 6.6% to 19.5% respectively. With thousands of Angelenos out of work and millions abiding by the "Safer-At-Home" order, which is still in effect, it is necessary to extend relaxed parking enforcement.

While some businesses are operating in-person at significantly decreased capacities, many more businesses and their employees are staying at home. Families across the City must also continue to provide necessary emergency child care as the Los Angeles Unified School District announced the continuation of its online education. In addition, families are continuing to provide support for the elderly, face ongoing potential job losses, and experience daily uncertainty due to COVID-19.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to continue to temporarily suspend the enforcement of peak/rush hour and gridlock zone parking restrictions, relax posted non-metered time parking restrictions, and suspend the issuance of residential street sweeping parking citations until the "Safer-At-Home" order is lifted.

PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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### **PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE OPERATING RULES Revised ~~9/18/2019~~ 10/21/2020**

The MISSION of this Committee is to:

- A. Interface with the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, hospitals and other agencies on matters relating to the safety of the Stakeholders
- B. Assist stakeholders in organizing such groups as Neighborhood Watch and Map Your Neighborhood (MYN/RYLAN)
- C. Conduct forums on public safety and emergency preparedness.

These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the 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 Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee are: Co-Chair Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Saif Mogri
2. Additional officer(s) appointed by the Chair(s).  
Secretary none
3. Members of this committee shall be appointed or removed by the Chair(s).
4. WHNC Board members and WHNC stakeholders are eligible to serve on this committee. **There shall be a limit of 7 stakeholder members.**
5. This committee shall consist of ~~9~~ **unlimited number of board** members. **Current board members** who are:  
Faye Barta      Dan Brin      ~~Anthony Brosamle~~      Bob Brostoff      Bonnie Klea      Saif Mogri  
Steve Randall      Alec Uzameck      Brad Vanderhoof
6. A quorum shall consist of 5 **a simple majority of the total number of committee board** members.
7. Voting rights shall be accorded to committee members only.
8. For this committee "serving actively" is defined as participating in a minimum of two committee events per calendar year.
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 Co-Chairs.
11. The preparing of yearly reports summarizing committee activity shall be the responsibility of the Co-Chairs. These reports shall be provided to the Communication Committee each year by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
12. Committee members must not miss more than four (4) meetings in a 12-month period or they will be subject to removal from the Committee.
13. 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.
14. 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.
16. The parliamentary process is to be governed by "Rosenberg's Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21st Century."
17. All meetings, discussions, and communications pertaining to the business of this committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Brown Act.
18. This committee shall abide by the WHNC Code of Civility. This code shall apply to all committee members, whether they are members of the WHNC Board or not.
19. This committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Chaminade High School Condon Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room unless rescheduled.