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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

de Toledo High School (Previously Known as New Community Jewish High School)

22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91307

***Please note that NCJHS, for safety and security reasons, requires visitors to sign in at the entrance.
No ID is required.***

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 20 minutes before the meeting starts. Those who wish to speak during the meeting are asked to fill out 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.

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<p><u>Opening Business</u></p> <p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call – Establish Quorum</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Approve Meeting Minutes Of July 2, 2015</p> <p>Comments From the Chair</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Co-Chairs: Mr. Dan Brin Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p> <p>Secretary: Ms. Nicole Flessati</p> <p>Co-Chair: Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p> <p>Secretary: Ms. Nicole Flessati</p> <p>Co-Chair: Mr. Dan Brin</p>
<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <p>Council District 12</p> <p>California Assembly District 45</p> <p>LAPD Senior Lead Officers</p> <p>Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</p>	<p>7:15 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Ron Rubine, Deputy Field Rep.</p> <p>Mr. Chris Ramsey, Field Rep.</p> <p>SLOs Janet Zumstein & Jennifer Poepke</p> <p>Ms. Amber Meshack</p>
<p><u>Council Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Reports and Announcements 	<p>7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Dan Brin, Co-Chair</p> <p>West Hills Neighborhood Council Board</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>Comments & statements from stakeholders or interested parties (<i>Requires Speaker Card</i>)</p> <p>*The Council affords an opportunity to members of the public to address the Council on items of interest that are within the Council's jurisdiction. The Council is not permitted to take action on items that are not identified on the agenda. The Council reserves the right to limit speakers if necessary to provide and adequate opportunity for all to be heard</p>	<p>7:40 P.M.</p>	<p>Co-Chair: Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p>

<p><u>Certificates of Appreciation</u> J. Martin Furtak and volunteers, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Boy Scout Troop 474, Scoutmaster Robert Rees Boy Scout Troop 642, Scoutmaster Jim Chrisman</p>	<p>7:45 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Michael Castro, Chair Beautification Committee</p>
<p><u>Presentation</u> “Supervisor Kuehl’s Service to the West Valley and West Hills”</p>	<p>7:50 P.M.</p>	<p>Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair Mr. Timothy Lippman, 3rd District West Valley Senior Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl</p>
<p><u>New Business</u> 15-0030 – Discussion and possible action regarding development of property located at 22650 Sherman Way, West Hills</p> <p>15-0031 - Discussion and possible action on amending the WHNC stipulation sheet to require documentation to confirm stakeholder status for both online and in-person voting in the 2016 elections</p> <p>15-0032 – Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Historic Cultural Monument status for Circle S Ranch at Woodlake Avenue and Saticoy Street.</p> <p>15-0033 – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s July 2015 spending reports</p> <p>15-0034 – Discussion and possible action on six proposed community impact statements concerning an app for reports to the LAPD, allowing pets in rental units, additional funding for Neighborhood Councils, city review of the Budget Advocates’ 2015 White Paper, watershed and water conservation, and street vending</p>	<p>8:15 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair Zoning & Planning Committee Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair Zoning & Planning Committee</p> <p>Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Chair Elections Committee</p> <p>Mr. Dan Brin, Co-Chair</p> <p>Ms. Bobbi Trantafello, Co-Chair Budget Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb Chair Government Relations Committee</p>
<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>	<p>9:30 P.M.</p>	

Board Business– Comments may be made from Board Members on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. The Board reserves the right to adjust the order of presentation of agenda items.

Adjournment –The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at de Toledo High School (Previously Known as New Community Jewish High School) 22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, California 91307.**

Reconsideration Process - Reconsideration of a vote shall be by approval of a Board member’s motion to do so.

Brown Act – In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the meeting where such writing was considered or by contacting West Hills Neighborhood Council, Executive Director at the following email address: Michelle.Ritchie@westhillsnc.org. Where appropriate requests can be made for a copy of a record related to an item on the agenda.

Grievance Process – Time shall be given during public comment for the presentation of grievances by any Stakeholder or group of Stakeholders. Stakeholders may only present grievances against the Board, not individual Board members A Stakeholder may appeal a decision on the grievance by the Board of Directors to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.



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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2015

de Toledo High School

22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91304

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Esperanza Butler, Anthony Brosamle, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

Absent: Ed Young, Jackie Young

Alec Uzemeck left at 8:52 p.m.

OPENING BUSINESS

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Secretary, Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an attendance of 23 board members, establishing a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. June 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (A portion of the announcements were moved up to accommodate the speaker's schedule.)

Senior Lead officer Jennifer Popeke wants to alert the community to be careful when leaving on vacation to not make it obvious, take in mail, etc. She said that people can call her and give her a heads up to their absence and if possible they'll have local police make extra patrols in that area. Also, the Fourth of July holiday is a busy one and calls about illegal fireworks will not be responded to in a timely manner due to the prevalence. Please be mindful of the officer's limitations to being everywhere at once and be patient. They expect that illegal fireworks are going to be continuing throughout the summer. The West Hills Neighborhood Watch meeting for July has been cancelled.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Dan Brin stated he was happy to announce that the city's Historic Cultural Monuments Commission has recommended the house on the southeastern corner of Woodlake and Roscoe for designation as a historical site. This was going before the City Council's land use planning committee this month but has been removed from the agenda. He doesn't know why but will attempt to find out. He has also been reaching out to the Fire Department Air Operations about the August dedication of the Glen B. Smith Helipad at the West Hills Hospital but has been unsuccessful in reaching anyone. Glad that the WHNC is able to wrap up the spending for the previous year, we have new business cards, table banners and other nice stuff. Thanks everyone for working so hard on finalizing the fiscal year end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

CD 12 Deputy Field Representative Ron Rubine mentioned that Councilman Englander was unanimously re-elected as Council President Pro-tem. Lazy J Ranch upgrades to park for shading and new child equipment is in the works. He addressed the Chatsworth Nature Reserve as well, that CD 12 is continually looking for solutions to attempt to maintain the ecosystem. He is concerned about the turtles and confirms that CD 12 is working for both long term and short term solutions. CD12 is once again hosting the Movie under the Stars is July 18th at Shadow Ranch Park – they will be showing "Paddington." Councilman Englander will be there this year.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Castro – Chair of the Beautification Committee: July 11 is the next clean up on Saticoy/Ingomar, west of Woodlake going westward. On July 28 the Beautification Committee meeting will be led by Reeyan Raynes. August 15 will be the Bell Canyon clean-up. More details to follow. July 11-12 is the annual fruit pick at Orcutt Ranch. He will be displaying a dozen historical flags on July 3-4th at his house.

Bill Rose – Co-Chair of Zoning and planning committee: On Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 PM at Fairwinds, the developer for 22650 Sherman Way will be presenting revised plans at the meeting. There will also be an update on the Pulte development.

Bob Brostoff – Co-Chair of the Budget Committee: City Council granted an additional \$5,000 for the NC budgets.

Reeyan Reyes – The ad hoc Committee for the public safety forum is disbanding to allow for the H&S fair and Eggstravaganza to be the main events and to avoid duplicating efforts.

Sandi Bell – Chair of the Public Health Committee: She put a call into the City's Public Health with a question about the health of the dogs who were getting sick after hiking with their owners in Dayton Canyon.

Barry Seybert – Chair of the Streets and Transportation Committee: In August, the pothole filling truck will be through the area to fill potholes. He is requesting the public to bring potholes to the attention of the council so they can compile the list and advise the city. Ron Rubine asked that the public also reach out to him to make him aware of anything that’s going on with the streets that need to be fixed so that he can point the right person to the problem. Email with a description and photos to Ron.Rubine@lacity.org

Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Chair of the Govt. Relations Committee: The budget advocates just held the community budget day and it went well.

Elliot Maggin – Chair of the Communication Committee: Announced the council’s “new” twitter presence: @westhillsnc #westhillsnc.

Aida Akbarians – Co-Chair of the Youth and Education Committee: Not much happening due to the summer holidays. El Camino is trying to expand their feeder charter schools. She will have an update next month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charlene Rothstein led public comments. Speakers were asked to keep comments limited to two minutes.

Board Member Alec Uzemeck voiced his objection to an email from a stakeholder that was sent to some members of the board. He is objecting to the “character assassination” of a board member and would like to say that this behavior is unacceptable.

Glenn Bailey discussed the Congress of Neighborhoods and the recent BONC meeting. He congratulates the board on the approval to share the jurisdiction of the Platt Library with Woodland Hills. He encouraged contributions from the councils to the Congress of Neighborhoods to help cover costs of meetings and workshops. Board member Bob Brostroff confirmed that the council is making a donation to the Congress.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe voiced her objections to being attacked for pointing out an mistake made by the council. She will be pursuing a grievance against the council.

An unidentified stakeholder is asking for help to resolve an issue with a neighbor who shot at his 85 year old father. The police report lists this incident as vandalism. There have been no arrests. He’s asking for support to get the attention of the officers at Topanga. The city decided to act on an ordinance against this person and he is currently retaliating against the speaker. The offending neighbor has dumped large quantities of dog waste into their pool. He alleges that the neighbor’s lack of cleanliness in his yard has caused an outbreak of pneumonia in this specific neighborhood due to the inactions and actions of said neighbor. This correlation was supported by the West Hills Hospital. He would like to have the police report changed from vandalism to some form of assault. This matter has to be elevated to criminal prosecution. President Dan Brin suggested he reach out to the Neighborhood Prosecutor, Karine Brown.

Stakeholder Cindy Willis is requesting some attention be paid to the sidewalks on her street. She would like to know how to get this cleaned up. She maintains the streets on her street but would like additional city support to help better maintain the streets – particularly the sidewalks. She lives on the 2600 Block of Elkwood – she backs up to Ingomar. Board Member Barry Seybert would like to see homeowners take care of the sidewalks on the other sides of their block walls.

PRESENTATION

Marty Cooper – He’s a longtime observer of the Valley and has produced a book that examines the Valley from the perspective of the driving forces of its post-war growth.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 15-0028 - Discussion and possible action on the WHNC Budget Committee recommendations for a total budget of \$37,000 for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe would like to know where the money allocated for Emergency Preparedness in West Hills will be going. President Brin clarified points regarding which 5013c the money would be allotted to. Stakeholder Reeyan Raynes mentions that NC cannot have supplies stored on city property. There are currently additional discussions taking place with the city to have this clarified or amended. There are some places where they can be placed. Board member Erick Augusztiny asked what’s in the containers with the supplies and who gets what and what gets distributed. Bob Brostoff suggested he read the plan for Emergency Preparedness in West Hills. Motion was called to accept the budget committee’s recommendation. Vote was taken. **Motion passes with (19) in favor and 2 Abstentions and 0 No’s. Board member Reeyan Raynes’ vote: YES**

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 15-0029 – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s June 2015 spending reports

After discussion and questions from the board members, the public was able to ask questions, after which a vote was taken. **Passed unanimously (20) yes. Board member Reeyan Raynes’ vote: YES**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

August 3, 2015

To the Members of the Los Angeles City Council's PLUM Committee:

Thank you for considering the nomination of Historic Cultural Monument (HCM) status for Circle S Ranch in West Hills.

It saddens me that a relative of the property's owner has chosen to oppose this nomination in her capacity as her mother's trustee. I would like to take this opportunity to address her objections:

1. **Allegation: This nomination constitutes an unreasonable and severe deprivation of property rights.** HCM status merely requires a 180-day notice before a demolition or major alteration takes place. This delay gives the city and the community an opportunity to find alternatives to destruction of a treasured historic and architectural landmark. The City Council then has the option of extending the period for another 180 days.
2. **Allegation: HCM status has no benefit to the property owner.** This, too, is untrue. The owner would have access to funds under the Mills Act to provide funds for qualified property improvements in lieu of property taxes.
3. **Allegation: The owner's family is united in opposition to this designation.** A family member appeared before the HCM Commission and indicated he was OK with the designation. He only asked that the commission leave a large portion of the property out of the protected zone to allow easier development at a future time. The commission granted his request.
4. **Allegation: This application was sprung upon the family without warning or attempts at consultation.** Contrary to this claim, I attempted to contact the property owner by telephone approximately two years ago. I spoke with her caretaker, who said the owner was incapable of communicating with me. The caretaker would not provide information about others who could discuss matters with me. Later, as soon as the HCM Commission agreed to consider the matter, I personally dropped a copy of the entire application package into the mailbox at the property. This happened several months ago.
5. **Allegation: This property has no historic or cultural value.** The application filed by historian Charles Fisher thoroughly documents the property's architectural and historic significance. The Historic Cultural Monument Commission, which is the city's designated body for reviewing such applications, voted **unanimously** to approve the application.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Brin
West Hills

CASH Status Analysis							
Category Identifier	Budget Category	Budget (A)	Cash Deposited to Date (B)	Undeposited Funds (C) = A - B	Cash Spent to Date (D)	Cash In-Bank Remaining Balance (E) = B - D	Uncommitted Budget Balance (F) = A - D
100	Operations	\$17,588.00	\$3,904.33	\$13,683.67	\$0.00	\$3,904.33	\$17,588.00
200	Outreach	\$8,295.00	\$1,841.68	\$6,453.32	\$0.00	\$1,841.68	\$8,295.00
300	Community Improvement	\$150.00	\$33.68	\$116.32	\$0.00	\$33.68	\$150.00
400	NPG	\$8,967.00	\$1,991.18	\$6,975.82	\$0.00	\$1,991.18	\$8,967.00
500	Elections	\$2,000.00	\$443.58	\$1,556.42	\$0.00	\$443.58	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$37,000.00	\$8,214.45	\$28,785.55	\$0.00	\$8,214.45	\$37,000.00

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DECLARATION			
<p>We, <u>Bobbi Trantafello</u> (Treasurer Name) and <u>Dan Brin</u> (Signer Name), declare that we are the Treasurer and Signer, respectively of the <u>West Hills</u> Neighborhood Council (NC) and that on <u>Aug. 6, 2015</u> (date adopted), a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the <u>West Hills</u> NC with a quorum of <u> </u> board members present and that by a vote of <u> </u> (number) yes, <u> </u> (number) no, and <u> </u> (number) abstentions the <u>West Hills</u> NC adopted the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of <u>April</u> (month), 2014-2015 (year).</p>			
Treasurer Signature		Signer's Signature	
Print Name	Bobbi Trantafello	Print Name	Dan Brin
Date	August 6, 2015	Date	August 6, 2015
NC Additional Comments			

Revision Date 9-18-14

WHNC Controller's Expense Report
July, 2015

Budget 2014-2015	Category	Budgeted Amount	Previous Balance	Previously Spent	Spent This Month	Total Spent to Date	Accrued Balance
Operations							
Admin Staff	Operations	16,988.00	16,988.00		0.00	0.00	16,988.00
Meeting Rent	Operations	600.00	600.00		0.00	0.00	600.00
Sub Total		17,588.00	17,588.00		0.00	0.00	17,588.00
Outreach and all other							
Admin Misc	Outreach	1,300.00	1,300.00		0.00	0.00	1,300.00
Elections	Outreach	2,000.00	2,000.00		0.00	0.00	2,000.00
VANC	Outreach	200.00	200.00		0.00	0.00	200.00
Icontact	Outreach	300.00	300.00		0.00	0.00	300.00
Congress	Outreach	100.00	100.00		0.00	0.00	100.00
Fall Fest	Outreach	2,400.00	2,400.00		0.00	0.00	2,400.00
WHNC Emerg Forum	Outreach	500.00	500.00		0.00	0.00	500.00
Advertising - CP/WH Chamber	Outreach	520.00	520.00		0.00	0.00	520.00
Budget Advocates	Outreach	100.00	100.00		0.00	0.00	100.00
General Communications	Outreach	500.00	500.00		0.00	0.00	500.00
Gnrl Communications Bus Benches	Outreach	600.00	600.00		0.00	0.00	600.00
Outreach - Badges		275.00	275.00		0.00	0.00	275.00
Memorial Day Parade	Outreach	500.00	500.00		0.00	0.00	500.00
Sponsorship 5k10k	Outreach	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sub total		10,295.00	10,295.00		0.00	0.00	10,295.00
EP	NPG	4,000.00	4,000.00		0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Education	NPG	4,717.00	4,717.00		0.00	0.00	4,717.00
YMCA	NPG	250.00	250.00		0.00	0.00	250.00
Sub Total		8,967.00	8,967.00		0.00	0.00	8,967.00
Beautification	Community Improvement	150.00	150.00		0.00	0.00	150.00
Sub Total		150.00	150.00		0.00	0.00	150.00
Total		37,000.00	37,000.00		0.00	0.00	37,000.00

* \$750 to be used for NPG For 8th Annual Vlley Disaster Prep Fair

**Community Impact Statement
West Hills Neighborhood Council
Council File 15-0600 S72
Additional Funding for the Neighborhood Councils**

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports Motion 15-0600 S72 made by Herb Wesson, Jr. and seconded by Paul Krekorian that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, appropriate \$480,000 from the line in the Unappropriated Balance, Fund 100-58, entitled "Neighborhood Councils" to the Neighborhood Empowerment Fund No. 44B-47, Account No. 47M238 for subsequent allocation in the First Financial Status Report, if not sooner, to increase individual Neighborhood Councils' funding.

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**Community Impact Statement
West Hills Neighborhood Council
Council File 15-066 S72**

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the City Council File 15-0273 as motioned by Paul Krekorian and Herb J. Wesson, Jr. and seconded by Nury Martinez. This motion instructs the City Administrative Officer to review the recommendations in the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2015 White Paper and to provide additional feedback for consideration in the budget process for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

**Community Impact Statement
West Hills Neighborhood Council
Council File 13-0154 S1
Mobil App for the Los Angeles Police Department**

The use of a mobile app would not only create efficiencies in police reporting, but would also allow police departments to keep more officers out in the field by reducing the time needed to complete the required paper forms. This is crucial for departments who may be facing issues with their staffing and who struggle to maintain a consistent level of deployment coverage.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the motion made by Mitch Englander and seconded by Bob Blumenfield that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to examine the benefits and report on the feasibility of using a mobile app to expedite and automate police reporting, similar to the one being utilized by the Palm Springs Police Department, and the costs to pilot the use of a mobile app for police reporting in the City of Los Angeles.

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**Community Impact Statement
West Hills Neighborhood Council
Council File 13-1493 S2
Sidewalk/Street Vending – LA City Parks and Recreational Facilities**

Given that the City is currently undergoing efforts to develop a street vending program, there should be a similar effort in regards to City parks, as well as outreach to the public in regards to the recently proposed changes governing vending at City parks and recreational facilities.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council therefore moves and supports the motion made by Curren D. Price and seconded by Jose Huizar that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to work with the CLA on the citywide effort to address the regulation of street vending, per CF 13-1493, and to made by develop a compatible permit process for vending in City parks and recreational facilities.

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**Community Impact Statement
West Hills Neighborhood Council
Council File 15-0843
Allow Pets in Rental Units**

More than 2 million L.A. residents (approximately 62%) are tenants and estimates are that more than half the housing stock consists of rental units that do not accept companion animals. Such non-acceptance of companion pets are cause for eviction, moving to new housing and the relinquishing of much loved pets to animal shelters. As a result, many animals are euthanized and pet owners are devastated by their loss.

West Hills Neighborhood Council supports motion 15-0843 as made by Paul Koretz and seconded by Mitch O'Farrell that the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LAAS) and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) solicit input from organizations representing tenants (such as the Coalition for Economic Survival, Inner City Law Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Housing Rights Center and BetTzekek Legal Services) and organizations representing landlords (such as the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles and the California Apartment Association) and make recommendations within 180 days to the City Council on programs and/or regulations that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties, including programs to better inform tenants of their rights in regards to animal ownership, while taking into consideration the welfare of the animals and the concerns, both financial and for the physical property, that landlords and other tenants may have; and they further move that applicable laws in other cities be reviewed to determine if their provisions should be considered as a basis for developing regulations or incentives for the City of Los Angeles.

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**Community Impact Statement
West Hills Neighborhood Council
Council File 15-0768
Water Shed and Water Conservation**

There is growing consensus around the value of parcel-based stormwater management, a "watershed approach" that synergistically treats each site as a mini-watershed where water is Captured, Conserved, and Reused, as follows:

- Capturing at least the first 1" of rainwater with rain tanks, permeable surfaces, and grading strategies like bioswales, berms and basins to help manage stormwater onsite, improve water quality, reduce local flooding, and recharge local groundwater.
- Conserving outdoor water use by installing landscaping with at least 60% SoCal native, climate-appropriate plants and trees that support wildlife habitat and preserve our region's biodiversity, and with the use of mulch and organic ground covers that mitigate heat island impacts, build healthy soils, and help sequester carbon.
- Minimize use of water and utilize more water reuse to help maintain our urban forest and support landscape and ecosystem needs without additional potable supplies.

West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the motion made by Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian and seconded by Jose Huizar that the Department of Water and Power and the Bureau of Sanitation, and with the consultation of stakeholders, be requested/directed to evaluate and present the City Council within 60 days options to incentivize applicants to meet this multi-benefit "watershed approach." Such options should include tiered rebate levels, on-bill financing, and measures to ensure fair geographic and economic distribution of rebate funds. Additionally, the options should describe their potential to accelerate or diminish expected water savings from turf removals and encourage direct groundwater recharge and infiltration where applicable. The Department of Water and Power and the Bureau of Sanitation shall be directed to report back to City Council in 60 days on potential funding sources to help incentivize residents to adopt the "watershed approach."

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