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FINAL MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2016

de Toledo High School

22622 Vanowen St., West Hills

ATTENDANCE

Present: Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood,, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert (arrived 7:28), Ron Sobel, Michael Teitelbaum, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Absent: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Esperanza Butler, Bonnie Klea

OPENING BUSINESS

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an initial attendance of 22 board members, establishing a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. March 2015 meeting minutes were approved after some updates were made to the minutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

President Dan Brin announced that Jacquie Young will be retiring from the Board as a board member and thanked her for her service. He announced the upcoming elections and asked Co-Chair Char Rothstein to provide some specific details regarding registering and voting on the day of the voting.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Skipped due to the full agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandi Bell, board member and nurse, asked that people continue to supply her with calendars for the veterans at the VA. It helps them keep their appointments. She gave out more than 300 last year and the case manager thanked the board members for their help.

Jay Askari of NIU College, a vocational school on Fallbrook Avenue, introduced himself and described the college and its programs.

George Christopher Thomas, candidate for state senate, president of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and honorary mayor of Van Nuys, described new programs that have come out of the city's Civic University. He's working on a website or app that would enable stakeholders to file police reports.

Janice Kamenir-Reznik, also a candidate for state senate, said she heads an organization that serves genocide and rape survivors around the world. She also advocates educating and empowering people to get legal representation and navigate the court system. She has practiced law for 22 years.

Linda Pruet, vice president of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and its emergency preparedness chair, spoke briefly about the Southern California Preparedness Foundation.

COUNCIL AWARD PRESENTATIONS

WHNC Beautification Co-Chairs Reeyan Raynes and Tony Brosamle presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ana and Frank Gallo for making their truck available and volunteering in the WHNC's monthly Community Cleanups. The next cleanup will begin at the corner of Valley Circle and Strathern on April 15 at 8:30 a.m.

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Keith Mozee, manager of the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services' Resurfacing and Reconstruction Division, spoke about the division's ability to repair more streets at lower cost in comparison with other cities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Sean Brown discussed current crime trends, including an increase in residential burglaries, and the Topanga Division's efforts to respond with diminished resources.

OLD BUSINESS

16-0011 — Discussion and possible action on approving expenditures for WHNC elections. Bob Brostoff presented the election budget. **VOTE WAS TABLED.**

16-0014 — Discussion and possible action regarding a Community Impact Statement for short-term rentals. After discussion, the Government Relations Committee moved for a vote. **Motion passed with 20 "yes" votes.**

16-0017 — Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed development at 23315 Sherman Place, West Hills. After discussion, a vote was taken. Tony Brosamle voted no and Michael Teitelbaum, Marge Brown and Jacquie Young abstained. **Motion passed with 16 "yes" votes.**

16-0018 — Discussion and possible action regarding El Camino Real Charter School at 7401 Shoup Ave. **Tabled.**

16-0019 — Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's March 2016 spending reports. After discussion, **the item was tabled.**

16-0020 – Discussion and possible action on re-allocating up to \$4,000.00 from Eggstravaganza (Outreach) to a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG). The amount was amended to \$3,000. Discussion took place. **Passed with 17 ayes.**

16-0021 — Discussion and possible action on allocating an NPG for \$1,400.00 to a nonprofit associated with Pomelo Elementary School for the purpose of a monthly student magazine. Discussion took place. **Passed with 15 ayes.**

16-0022 — Discussion and possible action on allocating an NPG for \$700.00 to a nonprofit associated with Pomelo Elementary School for the purpose of playground equipment cover. Discussion took place. **Motion passed with 17 ayes.**

16-0023 — Discussion and possible action on allocating an NPG for \$2,400.00 to a nonprofit associated with Nevada Elementary School for the purpose of student workbooks. Discussion took place. **Motion passed with 16 ayes.**

16-0024 – Discussion and possible action on allocating an NPG for \$2,099.70 to a nonprofit associated with Welby Way Elementary School for the purpose of student workbooks. Discussion took place. **Motion passed with 17 ayes.**

16-0025 – Discussion and possible action regarding CF16- 0094, City of LA Crime Levels, a motion from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. Discussion took place. **Vote was taken and passed with 20 aye votes.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

MOTION

In the past few years, technology and innovation have expanded and fundamentally changed the way people travel and vacation. Visitors to Los Angeles and cities around the world routinely use “short-term rentals” in lieu of hotels to stay in and experience a community. The impacts of the short-term rental industry have been dramatic – in both positive and negative ways.

Tourists who stay in short-term (less than 30 days) rentals relish the opportunity to stay in Los Angeles’ many and diverse neighborhoods, and experience our City as “a local.” Many short-term rental hosts speak glowingly of a “sharing economy” and their ability to make ends meet by renting out a room or their back house. Tourists and hosts alike speak of new friendships and the positive benefits of this new form of vacation experience.

At the same time, critics have decried unfavorable consequences, such as the impact on some residential neighborhoods, which are changed by a revolving cast of visitors and their impacts. Significantly, in some popular tourist communities such as Venice, speculators have subverted the “sharing economy” business model, converting regular rental housing into short-term rentals, significantly reducing rental stock and contributing to increased rents and decreased affordable housing. In some cases, large numbers of units in the same building, or entire buildings, have been converted to short-term rentals, operated by off-site management companies.

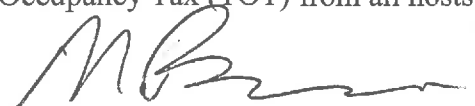
The City’s current zoning regulations do not anticipate or effectively govern short-term rentals, and need to be revised so that the City can effectively preserve rental housing, protect the character of residential neighborhoods, and collect transient occupancy tax that pays for crucial City services. Neighboring cities, such as Santa Monica and West Hollywood, have already crafted local ordinances.


Last month, the City Administrative Officer released two reports regarding short-term rentals (*CAO File No. 0220-0513-0000, Council File 14-0593 Relative to a Comprehensive Study on the Sharing Economy and Its Impacts on the City of Los Angeles*, and *CAO File No. 0220-05153-000,0 Council File No. 14-0600-S89 Application of Transient Occupancy Tax for Short-Term Rentals*). Those reports framed the issues facing City policy makers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the City Planning Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Office of Finance and other relevant City departments, to prepare and present an ordinance governing short-term rentals in Los Angeles in the following manner:

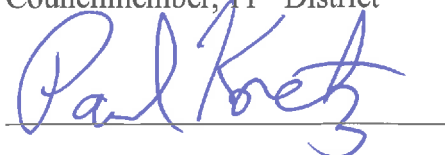
- Authorizes a host to rent all or part of their primary residence to short-term visitors, permitting someone to rent a spare room, a back house, or even their own home while they are out of town.
- Prohibits hosts from renting units or buildings that are not their primary residence or are units covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), forbidding speculators from creating a syndicate of short-term rental properties, and prohibiting the loss of valuable rental housing stock.
- Captures Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from all hosts.

PRESENTED BY:


 MIKE BONIN
 Councilmember, 11th District


 HERB J. WESSON, JR.
 Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:



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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To:	WHNC Board
From:	Government Relations Committee
Date:	4/7/16
Motion by:	Bonin and Wesson. Seconded by Koretz
Council File #	14-1635-S2 Short-term Rentals

Summary:

The impacts of the short-term rental industry on Los Angeles have been dramatic – in both positive and negative ways. Positive because it allows legitimate residents (“hosts”) to put a little extra money in their pockets to help make ends meet by renting out part of their primary residence. Negatively because of the transient impact on neighborhoods and, by speculators who subvert the intent of the current ordinances by converting regular housing into short-term rentals. This conversion significantly reduces rental inventories and contributes to increased rents and decreased affordable housing. For example, large numbers of units in the same building or the entire building have been converted to short-term rentals, operated by off-site management companies thereby increasing rents and decreasing affordable housing.

A legitimate host may continue to rent a room, the little house out in back or their whole house while they are out of town. But if a “host”, either a resident or Management Company, subverts the current Los Angeles ordinances it becomes an overwhelming burden for the City to enforce ordinances that were on the books prior to the invention of short-term rentals. Not only does Los Angeles have issues with short-term rentals but so does Santa Monica, San Francisco, Chicago, etc. Santa Monica, San Francisco and other cities have already updated their laws. It’s now Los Angeles’s turn.

CF14-1635-S2 is a motion by the City Council directing the City Planning Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Office of Finance and other relevant City departments, to prepare and present an ordinance governing short-term rentals in Los Angeles in the following manner:

- **Authorize a host to rent all or part of their primary residence to short-term visitors, permitting someone to rent a spare room, a back house, or even their own home while they are out of town.**
- **Prohibits hosts from renting units or buildings that are not their primary residence or are units covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), forbidding speculators from creating a syndicate of short-term rental properties, and prohibiting the loss of valuable rental housing stock.**
- **Captures Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from all hosts.**

Fiscal Impact:

Recovery of lost Transient Occupancy Tax.

Motion from committee:

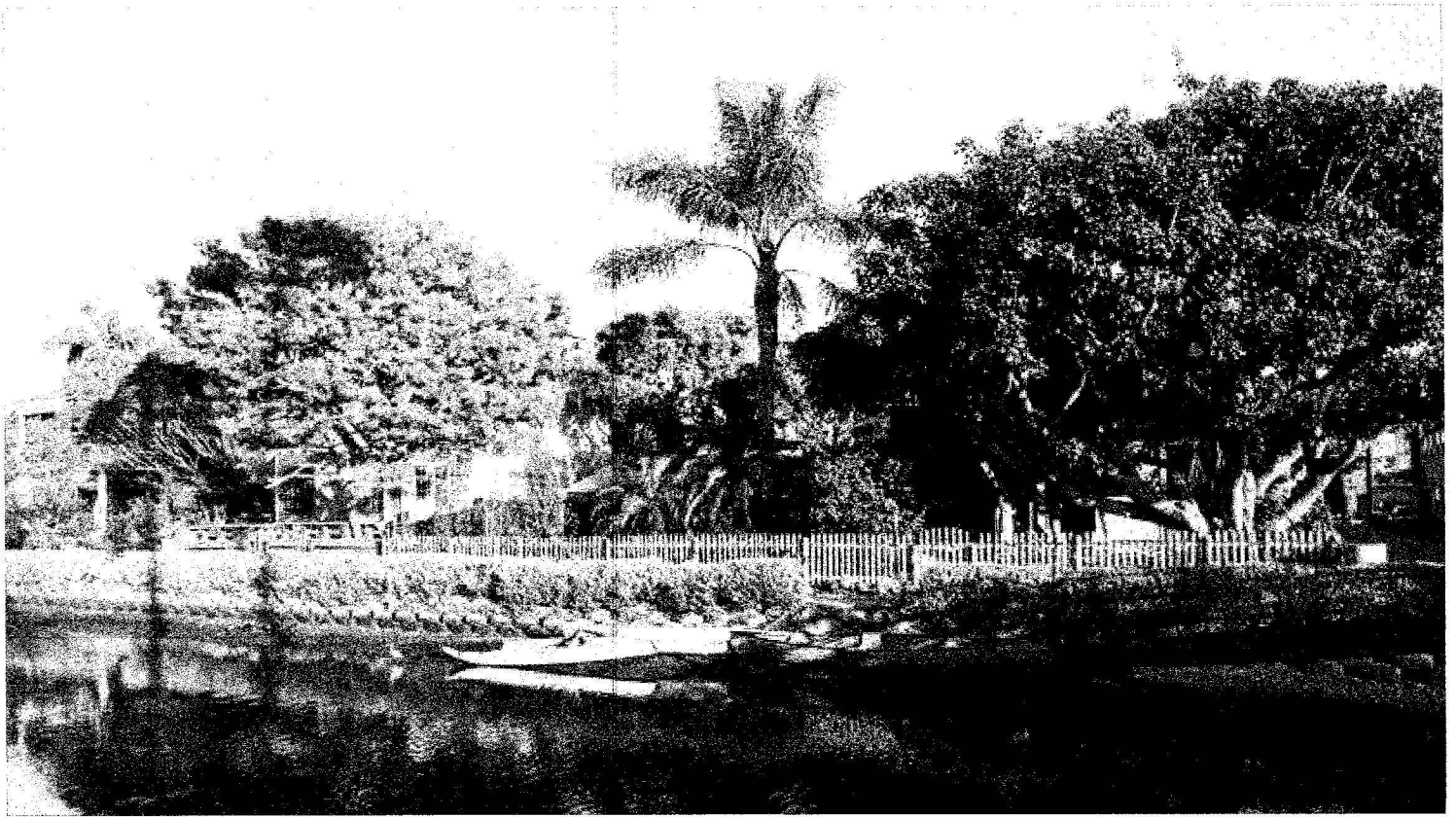
The Government Relations Committee moves a FOR vote on CF14-1635-S2, and that CF14-1635-S2 be sent to the city clerk via the Department of Neighborhood Empowerments website for inclusion in the council file as a Community Impact Statement from WHNC.

VOTE BY BOARD Quorum: _____

For	
For if amended	
Against	

Against unless amended	
No Position Council file discussed but NC could not muster enough votes either way	
Neutral Position	

Residents want L.A. to do more to enforce short-term rental regulations



Venice Canals residents said one home was often rented out for short-term stays. Dozens signed a petition and urged L.A. officials to take action, but the city terminated its case in May. (Katie Falkenberg / Los Angeles Times)

Agenda Item 16-0014



By Emily Alpert Reyes · Contact Reporter

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015, 2:00 AM

In the tranquil neighborhood of the Venice Canals, residents said they were fed up — and ready to take action.

Dozens signed a petition complaining about noise and nuisances such as a fraternity "drunk-athon" at one home along the picturesque waterways. They told Los Angeles officials that the house had been illegally turned into a kind of hotel, rented out for a few days at a time through websites such as Airbnb and VRBO.

To back up their claims, residents piled up evidence, including online listings displaying photographs of the home. They even furnished a rental contract for someone who had scheduled a short stay, confident

that would prove their point to city inspectors.

The Venice homeowner was eventually ordered in December to stop using the house as a hotel. But months after the city handed down its order, neighbors contended the house was still being regularly rented out for short stays. This spring, they again provided documents showing that someone had booked it for five nights.

Yet the city terminated its case in May without taking further action "due to insufficient proof," according to Department of Building and Safety spokesman David Lara.

As Airbnb and other platforms make it easier to rent out rooms or whole homes for short stays, the debate over regulating such rentals has revolved around what kinds of rules Los Angeles should enshrine. But for many Angelenos, the bigger question is whether the rules will have any teeth.

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— Patricia Rickles, Venice Canals resident

"They're talking about writing a new law, when all they need to do is enforce the existing law," said Patricia Rickles, one of the Venice Canals residents.

The Venice Canals rental host, Daniel Goodman, said he had stopped renting out the home for short stays, instead offering it solely for longer periods that are legally allowed. He disputed claims about excessive noise and partying at the house and said he had paid nearly \$1,000 in fines.

"The bottom line is, I paid the fine and I stopped," he said.

Neighbors aren't convinced. Making the rules stick is a perpetual worry in a metropolis where the zeal to make laws often outstrips the willingness or ability to enforce them. Critics fear that even if Los Angeles prohibits what City Councilman Mike Bonin has dubbed "bad" rentals — operators buying up apartments or homes and renting them out nonstop like hotels — it will be powerless to control them unless platforms turn over information about their hosts, an idea that Airbnb has resisted.

As it stands, renting out apartments or houses for short stays is illegal in many residential areas, according to city planning officials. At a recent hearing at City Hall, housing department head Rushmore Cervantes said officials have received dozens of complaints about "illegal usage" of apartment buildings this year.

Yet housing officials so far, Cervantes said, have been unable to muster enough evidence for City Atty. Mike Feuer to prosecute any of the owners — nor has the Department of Building and Safety, which has not turned any such cases over to Feuer, according to his spokesman, Rob Wilcox. Wilcox declined to specify what kind of proof Feuer and his attorneys would need to take such a violation to court.

The lack of action has convinced some critics that the online platforms need to lend a helping hand. "No city has the resources to send inspectors to all these properties," said Judith Goldman, one of the co-founders of Keep Neighborhoods First, a group concerned about "commercialized" short-term rentals. Instead, she argued that Airbnb and similar companies must "give the city the data they need" to enforce the laws.

But Airbnb, the biggest player among the online rental platforms, has resisted turning over host information without a subpoena, arguing that it violates privacy to turn over "broad swaths of confidential, personal information to bureaucrats."

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In Portland, Ore., for example, some officials have tangled with the company over providing data to help track down hosts who failed to register with the city. Its law requires hosts to undergo a home inspection. As of this month, only about 10% of rental hosts in the Portland area have sought or received the required permits, city officials say.

"There's rampant noncompliance," said Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish. When critics say the city needs information to find the scofflaws, Fish said, Airbnb and other platforms "raise the specter of Big Brother, which is complete nonsense. We have an obligation to make sure guests are safe."

Airbnb also vigorously opposed a California bill that would have required it and other rental platforms to regularly turn over data to government agencies about the addresses, amounts paid and number of nights occupied for its rentals. And it is pushing back against a San Francisco ballot initiative that would require it to report regularly on how many nights a unit was rented.

Airbnb regional policy head David Owen argued that relying on the company to hand over data to enforce city rules would be unfair. "We're one business model. We happen to have that data. There are many others that do not," he said. He added that the company was not alone in raising privacy concerns: In Portland, the ACLU of Oregon said it was wary of ensuring government access to such information.

As the debate simmers in Los Angeles, city inaction has left some Angelenos convinced that officials are deliberately ignoring complaints about such rentals. Venice Canals resident Ed Rucker, who worked for decades as a criminal defense attorney, was galled by the idea that Los Angeles investigators had too

little evidence to pursue their neighbors.

When Goodman, the Venice Canals rental host, was asked about the rental agreements that residents provided to the city, he said both bookings had been canceled. Neighbors, however, point out it was the visitor who canceled and remain unconvinced that Goodman stopped the day-to-day rentals, since online listings appear to continue advertising the house with minimum stays of less than a week.

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In a lengthy email to his neighbors this year, Rucker said a council aide to Bonin had indicated that such violations were not being pursued as "a policy decision."

"It doesn't matter how much evidence is produced — they will not enforce it," Rucker said recently.

Bonin spokesman David Graham-Caso said that wasn't an accurate reflection of what the council aide said, countering that the staffer had simply told Rucker that the city had limited resources to deal with the problem. "It is very, very challenging to enforce the city's current rules, but it can be done," Graham-Caso said in an email.

New regulations would make enforcement easier, by focusing city resources solely on the "bad" rentals, Graham-Caso added. Owen, the Airbnb representative, also argued that adopting clear and simple rules would ease the enforcement challenges for the city. But in the Venice Canals, some residents are skeptical.

"The city doesn't enforce stuff," Venice Canals resident Darryl DuFay said. "I don't know if they won't or they can't or they just don't."

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MAPER LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION
LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Agenda Item 16-0017

Planning Staff Use Only

ENV No. <u>ENV-2016-294-CE</u>	Existing Zone CR-1VL and P-1	District Map 183B097
APC South Valley	Community Plan Canoga Park, Winnetka - Woodland Hills	Council District 12
Census Tract 1344.22	APN 2021014044	Case Filed With [DSC Staff] <u>Daniel Skolnik</u>
		Date <u>2/2/16</u>

CASE NO. 7A 2016-0293-2AA

APPLICATION TYPE Zoning Administrator's Adjustment (Reduced Yards)
(zone change, variance, conditional use, tract/parcel map, specific plan exception, etc.)

1. PROJECT LOCATION AND SIZE

Street Address of Project 23115 Sherman Place Zip Code 91307

Legal Description: Lot 2 Block -- Tract 42749-C

Lot Dimensions 160 x 175 Lot Area (sq. ft.) 27,993 Total Project Size (sq. ft.) ~~10,000~~
9655

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe what is to be done: Construct new medical Office Building in the CR-1VL Zone with a reduced rear yard of 0 feet instead of the 15 feet required by the LAMC.

Present Use: Vacant Proposed Use: Medical Office and Parking

Plan Check No. (if available) _____ Date Filed: _____

Check all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 LA Green Code

Additions to the building:

<input type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Front	<input type="checkbox"/> Height	<input type="checkbox"/> Side Yard
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No. of residential units: Existing 0 To be demolished _____ Adding _____ Total _____

3. ACTION(S) REQUESTED

Describe the requested entitlement which either authorizes actions OR grants a variance:

Code Section from which relief is requested: 12.12.2 C3 Code Section which authorizes relief: 12.28 C
Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to allow reduced rear yard of zero feet instead of the 15 feet required by LAMC

Code Section from which relief is requested: _____ Code Section which authorizes relief: _____

Code Section from which relief is requested: _____ Code Section which authorizes relief: _____

List related or pending case numbers relating to this site:

4. OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's name Daniel Kashani Company TriStar Realty Group, LLC
 Address: 12502 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 301 Telephone: (818) 899-4458 Fax: (818) 255-6400
Pacoima, California Zip: 91331 E-mail: danny@tristargroup.com

Property owner's name (if different from applicant) 23115 Sherman, LLC
 Address: 18653 Ventura Blvd., Suite 333 Telephone: (818) 899-4458 Fax: (818) 255-6400
Tarzana, California Zip: 91356 E-mail: danny@tristargroup.com

Contact person for project information Gregory Taylor Company The Taylor Group
 Address: 4343 Natoma Avenue Telephone: (818) 716-5770 Fax: (818) 716-2841
Woodland Hills, California Zip: 91364 E-mail: greg@taylorgroup.com

5. APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

Under penalty of perjury the following declarations are made:

- a. The undersigned is the owner or lessee if entire site is leased, or authorized agent of the owner with power of attorney or officers of a corporation (submit proof). (NOTE: for zone changes lessee may not sign).
- b. The information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- c. In exchange for the City's processing of this Application, the undersigned Applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers or employees, against any legal claim, action, or proceeding against the City or its agents, officers, or employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval given as a result of this Application.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Print: Daniel Kashani

ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

County of Los Angeles

On 12/17/15 before me, Robin Kashani, Notary Public
 (Insert Name of Notary Public and Title)

personally appeared Daniel Kashani, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.
[Handwritten Signature] (Seal)
 Signature



6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/FINDINGS

In order for the City to render a determination on your application, additional information may be required. Consult the appropriate Special Instructions handout. Provide on attached sheet(s) this additional information using the handout as a guide.

NOTE: All applicants are eligible to request a one time, one-year only freeze on fees charged by various City departments in connection with your project. It is advisable only when this application is deemed complete or upon payment of Building and Safety plan check fees. Please ask staff for details or an application.

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Base Fee	Reviewed and Accepted by [Project Planner]	Date
Receipt No.	Deemed Complete by [Project Planner] <u>S. Crow</u>	Date <u>2/19/16</u>

**Zoning Administrator's Adjustment
Reduced Rear Yard
23115 Sherman Place West Hills**

- 1. Describe what site characteristic or existing improvements make strict adherence to the zoning regulations impractical or infeasible: and explain why the project nonetheless conforms with the intent of the Zoning regulations: and**

The subject property is a 27,993 square foot parcel of land located at 23115 Sherman Place in West Hills. The property is located adjacent to other properties, which are primarily medical related buildings, including West Hills Hospital and Medical Center. The applicant proposes to build a one-story 9655 square foot medical Office Building on the site and related parking (51 spaces). The property is zoned CR1-VL (10,560 square feet) and P-1 (17,432 square feet). The property to the north and east of the subject property is Zoned CR-1VL and P-1VL with an approved Zone Change which, if effectuated, will change the entire property to (Q)CR-1VL. The property to the west is Zoned QC1-VL with an approved Zone which if effectuated will change the zoning on the property to QRAS4-1D. Properties to the south across Sherman Place are zoned (Q)CR-1VL.

The applicant propose the reduction of the required 15-foot rear yard as required in the LAMC to 0 feet and the construction of the medical office building adjacent to the north (rear) and east (side) property lines. The adjoining properties are improved with surface parking lots on both of these property lines. The subject property could be changed entirely commercial in accordance with the General Plan. The applicant has considered the substantial time required for such a Zone Change and the substantial expense to obtain the change in zoning. The archaic Commercial and P zoning pattern on the site greatly reduces the square footage that can be built without going through prohibitably expensive and time consuming Zoning process. The applicant proposes a one-story building with related surface parking. ~~The building is located entirely in the CR portion of the site.~~ The reduced yard allows the maximum square footage which can be built which is far less the amount of FAR permitted by the Community Plan. The adjoining property on the north side adjacent to the reduced rear yard is completely developed with surface parking which serves the Medical Office Building on this property. The applicants request is reasonable and consistent with the General plan for this area of West Hills.

ZA 2016-0293

- 2. Describe how (in light of the project as a whole, including any mitigation measures imposed) the project's location, size, height, operations and other significant features will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare and safety; and**

The proposed Developments size, height, are minimal considering the maximum use permitted by the existing Community Plan. Most of the medical office buildings in the West Hills Medical Center are multiple stories. The proposed reduction in rear yard does not adversely affect any property. The operation of the proposed development as a medical office building is entirely compatible with this area and is a further development of the neighborhood with medical service related uses as envisioned by the Community Plan.

- 3. Explain why the project is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable Community Plan and any applicable specific plan.**

The project is in complete conformance with the General plan. The plan does not contain any provisions that would prohibit the proposed yard adjustment request. There are no Specific Plans in this area.



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23115 Sherman Place
Los Angeles, CA 91307

NO.	DESCRIPTION

Architectural Drawn By: _____

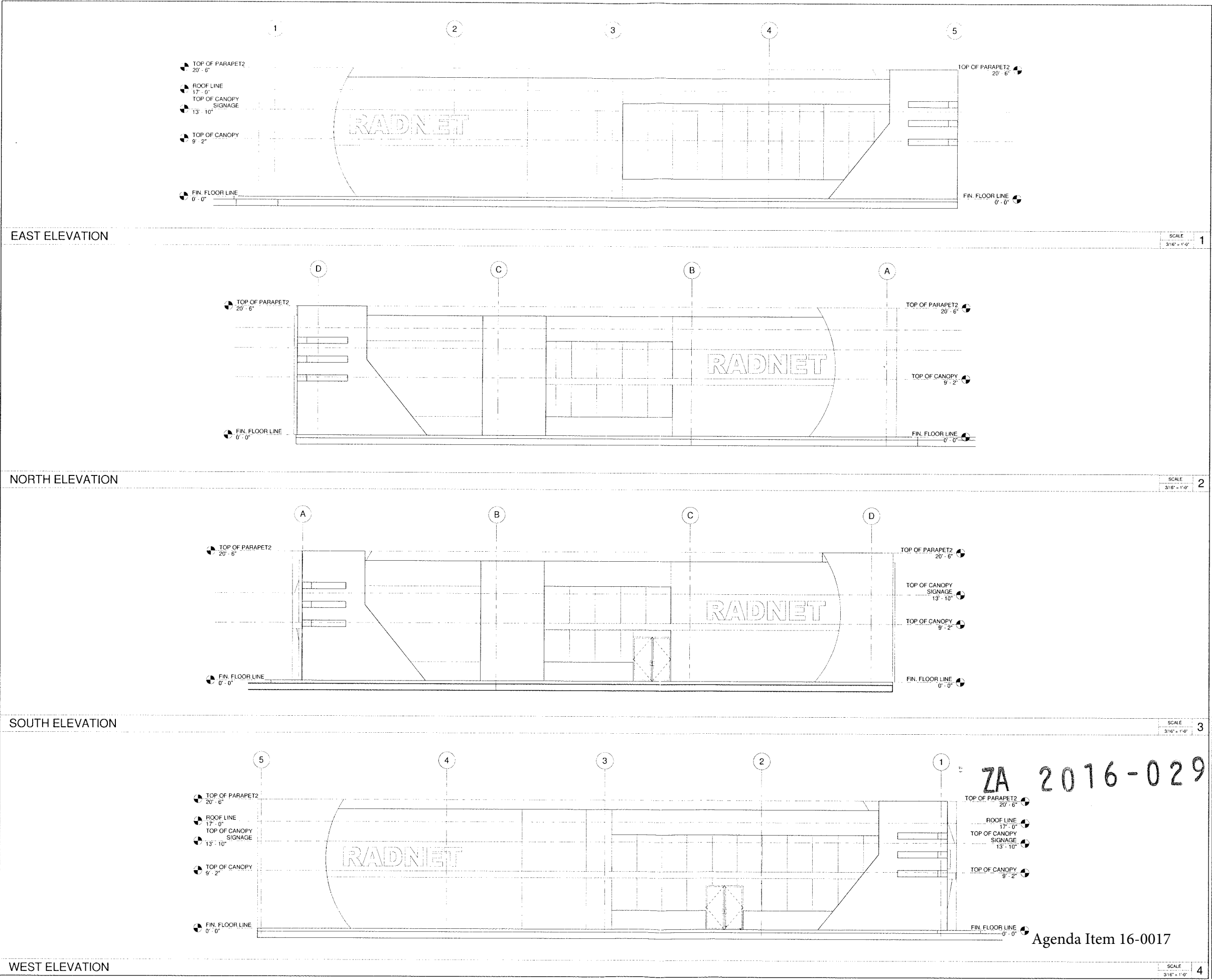
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PLOT PLAN ELEVATIONS

Date Issued: _____ Issued Date: _____
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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Monthly Expenditure Report for

MARCH 2016 PAGE 1

NC Name: WEST HILLS

Budget Fiscal Year: 2015-2016



(Must be submitted to the Department within 10 days of Board Approval along with documentation and hard copy)

							Total
A	EXPENDITURES By Line Item (Date / Item / Service Description)	BUDGET CATEGORY	VENDOR	OUT OF STATE VENDOR	INVOICE NUMBER	1099 Reportable	
	COPYS FOR MARCH 3RD MEETING	OUTREACH	OFFICE DEPOT				\$27.03
	REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH 3RD MEETING	OUTREACH	RALPHS MARKET				\$26.17
	COPYS FOR MARCH 19TH SPRING EVENT	OUTREACH	OFFICE DEPOT				\$25.89
	FLYERS FOR ELECTION	ELECTION	OFFICE DEPOT				\$72.38
	FLYERS	ELECTION	OFFICE DEPOT				\$28.12
	FLYRS FOR HOMELESS COMMITTEE	OUTREACH	OFFICE DEPOT				\$94.83
	BENCH AD FOR SPRING EVENT	OUTREACH	MARTIN OUTDOOR				\$400.00
	FLYERS FOR MAP UR NEIGHBORHOOD	OUTREACH	OFFICE DEPOT				\$45.78
	WEB SITE	OUTREACH	THE WEB CORNER				\$450.00
	POST OFFICE BOX FOR NC	OPERATIONS	POSTMASTER WEST HILLS				\$301.00
	BENCH AD FOR ELECTIONS	ELECTION	MARTIN OUTDOOR				\$400.00
	FLYERS FOR ELECTION	ELECTION	OFFICE DEPOT				\$2.18
	REFRESHMENTS FOR CANDIDATE FORUM	ELECTION	RALPHS MARKET				\$36.34
SUBTOTAL: Expenditures by Line Item							
CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR MONTHS							
C	OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS						
	C. 1. Outstanding Checks						
	C. 2. Outstanding Demand Warrants						
	C. 3. Rent/Lease						
	C.4. Contractual Services						
	C. 5. Large Purchases						
	C.7. Temporary Staffing Services						
	C. 8. Storage						
SUBTOTAL: Outstanding Commitments							
D	Total Expenditures & Commitments						
E	Total Adjustments by Department						
F	Approved Budget 2015-2016						
G	Balance of Budget						

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	\$13,872.96	\$3,715.04	\$11,533.58	\$2,339.38	\$6,054.42
200	Outreach	\$8,295.00	\$9,846.71	-\$1,551.71	\$5,309.32	\$4,537.39	\$2,985.68
300	Community Improvement	\$150.00	\$73.09	\$76.91	\$0.00	\$73.09	\$150.00
	NPG	\$8,967.00	\$5,071.15	\$3,895.85	\$2,048.00	\$3,023.15	\$6,919.00
500	Elections	\$2,000.00	\$962.64	\$1,037.36	\$953.65	\$8.99	\$1,046.35
	TOTAL	\$37,000.00	\$29,826.55	\$7,173.45	\$19,844.55	\$9,982.00	\$17,155.45

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>APR 7, 2016</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 West Hills NC adopted the Monthly Expenditure Report for the month of <u>MARCH</u> (month) <u>2016</u> (year).</p>			
Treasurer Signature		Signer's Signature	
Print Name	BOBBI TRANTAFELLO	Print Name	DANIEL BRIN
Date	4/7/2016	Date	4/7/2016
NC Additional Comments			

Revision Date 9-18-14



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Pomelo Community Charter

CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

7641 MARCH AVENUE, WEST HILLS, CALIFORNIA 91504

TEL: (818) 887-9760 FAX: (818) 887-1744

MICHELLE KING
Superintendent of Schools

YOLAN ECHIAN
Superintendent

ANDREA FERBER
Principal

NANCY KWATKOWSKI
Assistant Principal

January 25, 2016

Dear West Hills Neighborhood Council,

We are requesting a grant to help fund our school magazine. These funds will enable us to publish a glossy professionally printed magazine that is distributed to over 600 students and educators at school. A sample is attached.

The cost of the printing is \$275.00 per printing, with 600 copies on a every other month basis. The printer is Printing Center USA in San Diego.

Our magazine serves to showcase the achievements of our school community. It allows teachers a teaching tool to inspire students to create work that is "published". In this day of electronic media, a hard copy magazine is a wonderful medium for students and parents to view as a celebration of academic success.

This magazine serves to motivate our students to pursue excellence. It serves to give recognition to young writers and budding artists. In due time, these young students may choose to pursue careers in journalism and the arts due to the influence of being featured in the school magazine.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Ferber

Principal

Pomelo Community Charter

Neighborhood Council Funding Program

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Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Nest Hills Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) Team Pomelo / PTA 95-4365911 CALIFORNIA
 Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)

1b) 7633 March Ave. Nest Hills CA 91304
 Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code

1c) _____ City State Zip Code
 Business Address (if different)

1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:
Andrea Feiber - Principal 818-887-9700 andrea.feiber@lausd.net
 Name Phone Email

2) Type of Organization- Please select one:
 Public School (not to include private schools) or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)
 Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter

3) _____ City State Zip Code
 Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

These funds are requested to continue to print our Pomelo Magazine which serves 650 students and their families in the community. We are using Printing Center USA in San Diego and they charge \$275 an issue for 600 copies. (Due to ^{the} many siblings at school, each student does not need a copy of the magazine.) We publish this magazine on an every other month basis with issues in Sept, November, January, March and May, for a total of 5 issues in the school year.
 (\$275 x 5 = \$1375 total cost)

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large.
 (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

The Pomelo Magazine show cases student work in writing, art/photography, poems, opinions, narratives, book reviews, movie reviews and general excellence in school work. These achievements in excellence can be shared with the community members through their parents, family and friends. It serves to communicate to them the activities involved at their neighborhood school. It serves as a source of pride in the education system at Pomelo Community Charter. And perhaps this pride will create more interest from the community in the education our young people who are the leaders and community members of the future.

SECTION III - PROJECT SUBJECT OUTLINE

6a)

6b)

Printing of 600 copies of Pamela Magazine		
five (5) issues in school year by		
Printing Center USA, San Diego - (\$235 per issue)		

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
 No Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe:

Source of Funds	Amount	Notes

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$1,400.00

10a) Start date: May 2016 10b) Date Funds Required: May 2016

10c) Expected completion date: June 2017 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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 No Yes - Please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

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SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the (the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*
Andrea Ferber Principal [Signature] 1/26/16
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*
Jennifer Yep Treasurer [Signature] 2/10/16
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

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Principal
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January 25, 2016

Dear West Hills Neighborhood Council,

We are applying for a grant to request a covering for the Kindergarten Play Equipment in the playground. In recent years, the school is starting in mid-August, which is a very hot season in the San Fernando Valley.

Our young students are not able to use the play apparatus, when the heat from the sun makes the metal too hot to touch. With a shaded covering, the students will be protected from the heat of the summer sun and can safely play on the equipment without injury.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Ferber
Principal
Pomelo Community Charter



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Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: West Hills Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) Team Ready PTA 95-4365911 CALIFORNIA
 Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)

1b) 7633 March Ave. West Hills CA 91304
 Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code

1c) _____
 Business Address (if different) City State Zip Code

1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:
Andrea Ferber - Principal 818-887-9700 andrea.ferber@lansd.net
 Name Phone Email

2) Type of Organization- Please select one:
 Public School (not to include private schools) or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)
 Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter

3) _____
 Name / Address of Affiliated Organization City State Zip Code
 (if applicable)

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

The purpose of this grant request is to purchase a covering for the play structure in the Pomelo Kindergarten yard. School is now starting in mid-August and outside temperatures can reach 100° and beyond. The metal on the play equipment becomes too hot to touch and dangerous. A covering will provide shade for the students and enable safe use during the hot weather.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large.
 (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

Upwards of 120 students play on the Kinder equipment each school day - during recess time and after lunch. Having a shade cloth covering will serve to prevent sunburns and heat strokes and accidents from touching over heated apparatus and enable much safety for our students.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

6a) Personnel Related Expenses	REG. STAFF NPG	TRANS. TRAVEL

6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	REG. STAFF NPG	TOTAL Estimated Total
Protective Shade Cloth for Kindergarten Play Equipment	\$700.00	\$700.00

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

No Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe

Source of Funding	Amount	TOTAL TO BE REQUESTED

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application:

\$700.00

10a) Start date: JAN. 2016

10b) Date Funds Required: 12/17

10c) Expected completion date: JUNE 2016 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

No Yes - Please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

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12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

Andrea Ferber
PRINT Name

Principal
Title

[Signature]
Signature

1/26/16
Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

Jennifer Yeo
PRINT Name

Treasurer
Title

[Signature]
Signature

2/10/16
Date

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Los Angeles Unified School District
Nevada Avenue Elementary
22120 Chase Street,
Canoga Park, CA 91304
Phone: 818-348-2169 Fax: 818-592-0894

Michelle King
LAUSD Superintendent
Vivian K. Ekchian
Superintendent - LD Northwest
Sosie Krallan
Principal
Olivia Flores-Torres
Assistant Principal

February 2016

Dear Members of the West Hills Neighborhood Council,

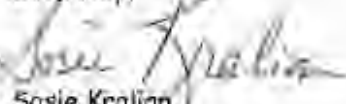
Nevada Avenue Elementary School serves a student population of approximately 500 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We are schoolwide Title 1. During the 2015-2016 school year we have focused on providing students with good first teaching, intervention for struggling readers, and bi-monthly parent trainings. The parent trainings focused on providing families with strategies to help support student learning in the areas of reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics.

We at Nevada Elementary School seek to provide our students with materials to use during the long summer months. Our intent is to provide Pre-Kindergarten through Second grade students with workbooks so that they may continue to review and keep up with skills they will need for their upcoming school year. The Summer Bridge Activities workbook is Common Core Standards-based.

Several years ago our school district provided workbooks that would help bridge each student to the next academic year. Many of the families of our students do not have the money to provide students with workbooks to practice the skills they've learned during the school year. Our California Content State Standards call for every school to help equip and produce college and career ready students. It begins with us at the elementary school level and so we, at Nevada, would like to provide students with a bridging workbook where they can review their previous grades' standards and start practicing the standards of their new grade level in August. The cost of purchasing grade specific workbooks for students is \$2400.00. We appreciate The Neighborhood Council taking an interest and helping in our quest to prepare college and career ready individuals.

For your records, the Los Angeles Unified School District's federal tax identification number is 95-6000-908W.

Sincerely,


Sosie Krallan
Principal

Neighborhood Council Funding Program

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Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: West Hills

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

- 1a) Nevada Avenue Elementary 95-6000-908W _____
Organization Name *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*
- 1b) 22120 Chase St. West Hills CA 91304
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1c) _____
Business Address (if different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:
Sosie Kralian 818-348-2169 sosie.kralian@lausd.net
Name *Phone* *Email*
- 2) Type of Organization- Please select one:
 Public School (not to include private schools) or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)
 Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter
- 3) _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.
 Nevada Elementary School seeks to provide our students with materials to use during the long summer months. Our intention is to provide students in grades Prek to Second with workbooks so that they may continue to review and keep up with the skills they will need for the upcoming school year. The Summer Bridge Activities Workbook is standards-based.
- 5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)
 Several years ago the LAUSD provided workbooks (for students at Title I schools) to help bridge each student to the next academic year. We would like to provide students in grades Prek to Second with a summer bridging workbook. Students can use the books to reinforce skills learned during the year and practice standards for the new grade in August 2016.

Los Angeles Unified School District
Welby Way Charter and Gifted/High Ability Magnet Center Elementary School
A National Blue Ribbon School and A California Distinguished School
23456 Welby Way
West Hills, CA 91307
Telephone: (818) 318-1975 Fax: (818) 704-8726

April 1, 2016

Empower LA
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

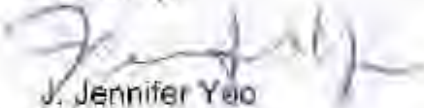
To Whom it May Concern:

Parents of Welby Way, Inc. (POWW, Inc.), a 501(c)3 organization, whose mission is to provide funding for schoolwide supplemental programs, is submitting a grant to you on behalf of Welby Way's students.

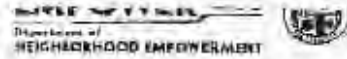
POWW, Inc. is requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,099.70 to purchase a student character development and citizenship curriculum for the remaining classes who do not have an updated supplemental program. This curriculum will be instrumental in helping the students address their need to reach their full potential and be positive contributing members of our community.

Your consideration of their application is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


J. Jennifer Yeo
Principal

Neighborhood Council Funding Program
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Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: West Hills Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a)	<u>POWW, Inc.</u>	<u>300629974</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>10/18/2010</u>
	Organization Name	Federal I.D. # (EIN#)	State of Incorporation	Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)
1b)	<u>6520 Platt Ave #644</u>	<u>West Hills</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>91307</u>
	Organization Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
1c)				
	Business Address (if different)	City	State	Zip Code
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:			
	<u>Stacey Weiss / Summer Middleton</u>			
	Name	Phone	Email	
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School (not to include private schools)	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)	
	<u>Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead</u>		<u>Attach IRS Determination Letter</u>	
3)	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>West Hills, CA</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>91307</u>
	Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)	City	State	Zip Code

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.
student character development and citizenship curriculum

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)
students will become future leaders and positive citizens in the community

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

5a) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
5b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
See attached		

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

No Yes, please list names of NCs.

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources of funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe:

Source of funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 2,549.70

10a) Start date: 4/1/16 10b) Date Funds Required: 4/1/16

10c) Expected completion date: 3/31/17 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Jennifer Yoo Principal Jennifer Yoo 4/1/16
PRINT Name Title Signature Date

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Aileen Kimm AP Aileen Kimm 4/1/16
PRINT Name Title Signature Date

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MOTION

Last week, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) released the citywide crime numbers for 2015. According to the report, crime rates rose to their highest levels in two years, with a 20.2% increase in violent crimes and a 10.7% increase in property crimes over 2014 numbers.

While any increase in crime must be carefully examined, it is important to understand the broader context of crime levels in Los Angeles; 2015 numbers are on track with the five year average, and we are living in the lowest per capita crime level era since the 1950s.

In addition, crime rates in Los Angeles mirror the trend of rising levels across the state of California, with increases seen in both our neighboring cities and major cities in the state.

In order to address this increase in crime, the Los Angeles Police Department acted to double the size of its Metropolitan Division, which is reactively deployed around the City to address crime hot spots as they occur. In doing so, it moved officers from the more preventative patrol function.

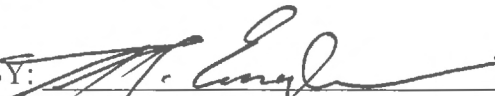
To prevent this increase in crime from gaining momentum, and to ensure that the City of Los Angeles remains the safest big city in the nation, it is important that the Council has a better understanding of what is driving the overall increase in crime, what crimes are the major factors in the increase, the specifics of the Department's Metro strategy and its efficacy to date, any impacts associated with moving officers from the patrol function, and other strategies the Department is considering and pursuing to address this uptick.

While many of the factors that influence crime rates are out of the direct control of the LAPD, it is critical to understand how the Department is deploying the resources allocated it by the Mayor and Council, inasmuch as it shapes future budget decisions.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Los Angeles Police Department report to the Public Safety Committee on the City of Los Angeles crime levels over time, the current uptick, an analysis of possible causes, and provide recommendations for solutions, including a detailed explanation of the Metropolitan Division strategy.

I FURTHER MOVE, that representatives from the Los Angeles Police Protective League, and the Los Angeles Command Officer's Association, the organizations that represent the City's sworn officers and the police command staff respectively, be invited to the Public Safety Committee meeting to present their own analysis of and recommendations for addressing increasing crime levels.

PRESENTED BY:


MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



Paul Kellerman


JAN 22 2016



ORIGINAL

To:	Board WHNC
From:	The Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee
Date:	02/16/2016 Public Safety Committee continued item to/for a date to be determined.
RE:	CF16-0094 / City of Los Angeles Crime Levels

Summary:

Crime rates are up in Los Angeles as well as across the state. The LAPD has acted to double the size of its Metropolitan Division, which is reactively deployed around the City to address crime hot spots as they occur. In doing so, it moved officers from the more preventative patrol function.

The Metropolitan Division is a city-wide deployment division made up of 5 platoons and the K-9 unit.* Platoon A is administrative, Platoon B & C are crime suppression units, Platoon D is SWAT, Platoon E is the mounted unit and then the K-9 unit.

This motion from Councilman Englander is asking that the LAPD report to the LA City Council’s Public Safety Committee on LA crime levels over time, provide an analysis of possible causes, provide recommendations for solutions, including a detailed explanation of the Metropolitan Division strategy.

The motion also asks that the LA Police Protective League, LA Command Officer’s Association and organizations that represent the City’s sworn officers be invited to present their own analysis of and recommendation for addressing increasing crime levels.

Fiscal Impact:

None to the City’s budget at this time. In future budget years, if additional personnel is increased, costs may significantly impact the City budget and stakeholders in all areas of Los Angeles.

Recommendation:

The WHNC’s Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee recommends a Yes vote on CF16-0094.

It is true that recent legislation has released criminals back to the streets. Statistically and anecdotally (thanks to social media) we are seeing an increase in crime across LA for the first time in years.

However, what is the best method to address this increase in crime? Are the stakeholders of West Hills and the City of Los Angeles better served by increasing the numbers of one division, the highly trained and heavily armed officers of the Metropolitan Division, using the “hot spot” strategy; or by increasing the numbers of highly-trained and well-armed officers using a city-wide policing strategy with consistent preventative patrols that build rapport with residents in the areas they serve? Should one method of policing be given more credence than another? An analysis will help answer these questions.

This CIS supports Councilman Englander’s motion asking for analysis of the “hot spot” and city-wide preventative policing strategies. The analysis is doubly relevant since whichever strategy is used it calls for increasing the numbers of sworn officers and therefore increasing the budget in the coming years. The more information the City Council and the stakeholders of West Hills can gather the better the decision will be.

The WHNC’s PS and EP Committee recommends a Yes vote on CF16-0094, City of Los Angeles Crime Levels, and that it be sent to the city clerk for inclusion in the file as a Community Impact Statement.

Thank you.

Quorum is ____ Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____ Ineligible ____ Recuse ____

*see attachment “Metro Division Organization” over.

Metro Division Organization

A Police Captain III serves as the Commanding Officer of Metropolitan Division. Under the direction of the Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau (CTSOB), exercises line command over the operations of Metropolitan Division and the line platoons. The Commanding Officer may authorize the use of explosives during an entry by the SWAT team upon approval from the Commanding Officer, SOB.

There are five field platoons (B, C, D, E, and K-9 Platoons) and an operations platoon (A Platoon); all platoons are supervised by a Lieutenant II. The Operations Platoon performs the administrative and support functions. "B" and "C" Platoons are primarily responsible for crime suppression. Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), "D" Platoon personnel, respond to emergency situations involving barricaded suspects or hostages. "K-9" Platoon and "E" (Mounted Unit) Platoon makes up the remainder of the Division. The Division also maintains a doctor, crisis negotiators and other specialists in weaponry, computer science, and audio-visual technology.

A Platoon personnel provides the support function for the Division. In addition to the administrative duties, they coordinate Metro's many tactical firearms training programs, ensure compliance with state-mandated (POST) training, and maintain the extensive Metro armory of specialized weapons. Additionally, the Crime Analysis and Deployment Detail utilizes automated repressible crime information Citywide to determine Metro deployment in identified "hot spots."

"B" and "C" Platoons are primarily responsible for carrying out the crime suppression missions. Their most active function is maintaining selective enforcement details in high frequency crime areas and targeting repeat offenders and criminal predators. Particular efforts are directed to the suppression of burglary, robbery, auto theft, and burglary/theft from motor vehicle. More recently, efforts have been aimed at attacking violent repressible crime.

"D" Platoon (SWAT), in addition to its crime suppression assignments, has the duty of handling situations where SWAT is essential. SWAT provides the Department with 24-hour coverage necessary for immediate response to barricaded suspects, snipers, crisis and hostage negotiations, potential suicide related situations, and other high-risk incidents. Rapid deployment, surprise, extensive tactics training and thorough planning are the seals of successful SWAT operations.

"E" Platoon (Mounted Unit) began as a volunteer program and was formally integrated into the Department in 1988. The Platoon currently has 32 horses and is located in a state-of-the-art Ahmanson Equestrian Facility. Officers and their horses deploy on City streets or during special events and add to the Department's professional image. Beyond that, the Mounted Platoon performs crime suppression duties and responds to crowd control incidents

"K-9" Platoon deploys highly trained handlers and their canine partners to conduct searches and apprehend felony suspects. The dogs are agile, well disciplined, and often sacrifice their lives for officer safety. K-9 personnel are deployed around-the-clock, seven days a week. They are available to assist any Department entity with searches for felony suspects. Two K-9 officers have also been trained in search and rescue operations using dogs.