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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### FINAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 1, 2019

de Toledo High School, 22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreibman, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, Zach Volet and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

**Absent:** Saif Mogri and Bobbi Trantafello

#### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and established **quorum**.

Special Board Meeting and monthly Board Meeting Minutes of July 2019 were approved.

President and Co-chair Dan Brin stated that at this time we do not have a treasurer and requested Bob Brostoff to discuss the June MER.

**19-0097** – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

**June 2019 MER approved with 22 yes votes and two (2) absent.**

Controller Anthony Brosamle stated that information was received today from the City Clerk that WHNC is eligible to receive \$10,000 in roll-over monies from the previous fiscal year.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin stated that due to the nature of our very full agenda, he will read a statement. The statement indicated that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item needs to fill out a speaker card. Due to the size of the audience each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute to speak. Those wishing to speak during public comment on a non-agenized item need to complete a speaker card and will be allowed two (2) minutes. He also spoke about respect and decorum while listening to each speaker.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joe Phillips stated he is with the Sierra Club and that we should embrace all of the recreational facilities available in West Valley, especially the Chatsworth Nature Preserve and the Santa Susana Field Lab.

Steve Cohen stated that he felt a board member has a conflict of interest.

Reeyan Raynes spoke in support of candidate John Lee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Senior Lead Officer Kari McNamee went over the latest crime statistics for West Hills. She stated that Neighborhood Watch really works and has helped in the capture of criminals. She advised that National Night Out is Aug. 6 at Guadalupe Center.

Ron Rubine, District Director for Council District 12, stated that the 2017 law relating to people sleeping in cars has been reinstated by the City Council. This is very important to District 12 as it encompasses the largest industrial area in the city.

Tessa Charnofsky, District Director for Supervisor Shela Kuehl, stated that she is a new West Hills resident. She advised that there is a new app, "Trails LA," that shows all the hiking trails in the Los Angeles area.

Tara Vahdani introduced herself and advised that she is a School Engagement Specialist assigned to District 3 under LAUSD Board member Scott Schmerelson. She stated that there is a new principal at Hamlin Charter School and the new principal is excited to work with the neighborhood council.

Nikki Perez, Field Representative for Assemblyman Jessie Gabriel, advised that they recently held a backpack drive and that on Saturday, Aug. 24, there will be a Disaster Preparedness Town Hall in conjunction with two other districts at the North Valley YMCA, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Octaviano Rios introduced himself as the new Empower LA Advocate for West Hills.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No council announcements were made because of the full agenda tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**19-0092** – Discussion and possible action of facts pertaining to Bobbi Trantafello's absences, leading to a possible announcement of a vacancy

Co-Chair of the Vacancy Committee Charlene Rothstein advised that the committee has reviewed Ms. Trantafello's attendance record and has confirmed that she has exceeded the allowable number of absences according to the Bylaws. Ms. Rothstein advised that there is now a vacancy on the Board and encouraged those present to apply.

**19-0093** – Discussion and possible action on filling a vacant seat on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board.

Co-Chairs of the Vacancy Committee Charlene Rothstein and Steve Randall advised that there were two applicants for the open position but one had to withdraw. She asked the remaining candidate, Ann Mizrahi, to introduce herself. Ms. Mizrahi is currently a student de Toledo High School.

**Recommendation to appoint Ann Mizrahi to the board was approved with 21 yes votes, one (1) abstention and two (2) absent.**

**19-0094** – Discussion and possible action to elect a new WHNC Treasurer.

Anthony Brosamle nominated Carolyn Greenwood and the nomination was seconded by Aida Abkarians. Bob Brostoff nominated himself and the nomination was seconded by Sandi Bell. The vote was 12 to 10 in favor of Bob Brostoff for Treasurer.

**19-0095** – Discussion and possible action on approving the 2018-2019 WHNC Inventory Report.

**Inventory as presented was approved with 23 yes votes and two (2) absent.**

**19-0096** – Discussion and possible new action concerning Malibu Wines and Beer Garden at 23130 Sherman Way.

Zoning & Planning Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein stated that representatives from Malibu Wines are present and wish to present information concerning why they did not attend last month's Board meeting and the letter to the Zoning Administrator approved by the Board. They presented to the Board three packets of information in support of their position, which was that they wanted the Board to rescind the letter to the Zoning Administrator and form a committee to work on the problems between themselves and the neighbors.

The following stakeholders spoke in favor of the winery's position: Eddie Salcido, Dianna Williams, Matthew Mills, Joellen Ammann, Darryl Schern and Rosalie Digenova. Steve Cohen stated he was in support of the winery and spoke against the Council and the action it took.

The following stakeholders, while not wanting the winery to close, were against changing the action taken by the Board: Rabbi Mark H. Sobel, Gary Davis, Allen Dietel, Bob Sec, Diane Higgs, Alice Allen and Ali Makoui.

It was stated that the position of this Board was that of a bridge between businesses and the community.

After much discussion by the Board, Bob Brostoff made a motion that the Board participate in the committee proposed by the winery's representatives. On getting additional information that the proposal was contingent on the letter being withdrawn, Mr. Brostoff withdrew his motion.

A second motion was made to amend the letter of July 3 by changing the word "violations" to "alleged violations" and adding "continue to work with the winery and the neighbors."

**Motion failed with 11 yes votes, 11 no votes, one (1) abstention and two (2) absent.**

In an effort toward compromise, a new motion was made that the WHNC would form a committee to negotiate with the Malibu Winery and neighbors. The committee would consist of two (2) representatives from the WHNC Council, two (2) representatives of the Malibu Winery management team and any neighbors who wished to attend.

**Motion passed with 15 yes votes, five (5) no votes, three (3) abstentions and two (2) absent.**

Board member Aida Abkarians stated the time is now 9:24 p.m. and we have been discussing this item for two hours.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**19-0077** – Discussion and possible action on approval of proposed Field of Deals event to be held on October 6, 2019.

Co-Chair Dan Brin said he spoke with the City Attorney's office and learned we cannot proceed with this event because of liability issues. It was stated that perhaps we can find another way to handle the event and we can vote on this and the next item contingent on finding a solution.

**Support for the proposed event approved with 18 yes votes, four (4) no votes, one (1) abstention and two (2) absent.**

**19-0078** – Discussion and possible action on approving a Neighborhood Council event approval form for a proposed Field of Deals event to be held on Oct. 6, 2019.

**Approval of form passed contingent on finding a solution acceptable to the City with 17 yes votes, four (4) no votes, one (1) abstention, one (1) ineligible and two (2) absent.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**



# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EVENT APPROVAL REQUEST FORM



Office of the City Clerk – Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
200 N. Spring Street, Rm 224, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1058 or Toll-Free 3-1-1  
E-mail: [Clerk.NCFunding@LACity.org](mailto:Clerk.NCFunding@LACity.org) • [www.Clerk.LACity.org](http://www.Clerk.LACity.org)

Events are great opportunities for Neighborhood Councils to interact with their stakeholders. There are, however, liability and permitting issues that must be handled prior to the event. The Office of the City Clerk, Administrative Services Division, NC Funding Program Section must approve all Neighborhood Council sponsored events before any payments can be processed.

**Please complete, sign, and submit this form at least 30 days prior to your event. Missing or incomplete required information or documents will delay review.**

Neighborhood Council: WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Neighborhood Council is the  Main Sponsor or  Co-Sponsor for the event.

Main sponsor: WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC)

Contact Person: SAIF MOGRI & ZACH VOLET

Phone: 818-451-5548 (SAIF) Email: saif.mogri@westhillsnc.org

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): N/A

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Event Information**

Event Title and Description: FIELD OF DEALS

PUBLICIZED AND ORGANIZED COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET BY THE WHNC

Date: OCT 6, 2019 Time Frame: 9 am - 2 pm Est. number of attendees: 1000 Event Budget: \$500.00

Venue Name: FIELDS MARKET SHOPPING CENTER

Venue Address: SATICOY & WOODLAKE, WEST HILLS, CA 91304

Contact Person: SAIF MOGRI

Phone: 818-451-5548 Email: saif.mogri@westhillsnc.org

**Please note:** If the venue for the event is at a City or public facility, e.g. park, school, the venue approval may be easier and at little or no cost. If the venue for the event is not a City facility, a separate contract may be needed and can take up to 60 days to complete.

**Please scan the following documents and email to [Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org) for approval PRIOR to event:**

- Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form – Signed by Treasurer, 2nd Signer or Event Chair
- Board Action Request (BAC) Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer and 2nd Signer, or Alternate Signer
- Itemized Detailed Event Budget – Total budget with funding categories (food, entertainment, flyers, permits, etc.) and with specific vendors if available.

**If a bank card credit limit increase will be necessary to pay for expenditures for this event, please contact your Funding Program Representative to submit a request to increase applicable limits.**

# FIELD OF DEALS



Location: FIELD'S  
MARKET

DATE: October 6, 2019

DAY: SUNDAY

TIME: 9:00 AM 2:00 PM

Make Your CLUTTER

Someone Else's TREASURE

# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Spending Request Form

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**Please print legibly or type**

Date of submission:

Committee Name:

Chairperson/Stakeholder:

Date Approved by Committee:

Phone:

Email:

Event/Activity

Total Amount Requested:

Budget Line Item:

Justification for request. This must include a statement about how the event/activity benefits the stakeholders of West Hills.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List all expense items, quantities, and amounts:

Item & Quantity	Amount
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For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved

Budget Approved

Board Approved

## MOTION

*Los Angeles' Paid Parental Leave Initiative*

Family life has changed in the last half-century, and so has the role that parents play at work and at home. According to the Pew Research Center, more than 60 percent of women with children under the age of 5 participate in the labor force, compared to roughly 30 percent in 1970. Not surprisingly, more than half of working parents find it difficult to balance their job and family responsibilities, and while dual-income families bring in more money, the cost of living in many American cities has far outpaced wage growth. According to the Economic Policy Institute, child care remains one of the largest expenses for U.S. families. In 33 states and the District of Columbia, infant care costs exceed the average cost of in-state college tuition at a public four-year institution.

Several large employers have recently begun to offer parental leave benefits to their employees. According to the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), one in three U.S. employers offer Paid Parental Leave (PPL). As of 2017, however, only 15 percent of workers received any paid family leave. Moreover, companies that provide paid leave do not always offer the benefit to all workers. A recent survey of 385 employers conducted by World at Work, found that 22 percent of companies that offer paid leave do not cover all workers often excluding fathers, LGBTQ employees, adoptive parents, and contract or part-time workers.

Additionally, many employees who are eligible for paid parental leave chose not to take time off for fear of receiving partial pay while on leave. A national study of the effects of paid family leave programs conducted by the Urban Institute found that 84 percent of working people with partially paid leave reported having difficulty paying bills when they took time off. Similarly, a 2011 survey conducted by the Center for Economic Policy Research found that nearly a third of Californians who were eligible but did not apply for paid family leave said it was because the pay would be too low, and nearly half of new parents who make less than \$30,000 annually and did not have fully paid parental leave had to apply for public assistance.

Several studies have shown that parents who have access to paid leave are better able to care for their children, have improved outcomes in health and well-being, and greater long-term educational and earnings outcomes. Paid leave has been shown to increase labor force participation and employment-to-population ratios, and has been associated with greater labor-force attachment and retention, resulting in higher wage growth for women. According to one study, women who return to work after taking paid leave are 40 percent less likely to receive public assistance. And when Google increased its paid leave benefits, the rate of new mothers leaving the company was cut in half, and when Aetna increased its benefits, the retention rate among new parents jumped from 77 percent to 91 percent.

California's Paid Family Leave provides eligible employees with 60-70 percent (depending on income) of their weekly wages for up to six weeks to allow for bonding with a newborn, newly adopted or foster child. Effective January, 2017, the San Francisco Paid Parental Leave Ordinance (SF PPLO) requires large employers in San Francisco to provide up to six weeks of supplemental compensation to employees who are receiving California Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits to bond with a new child. Together these programs allow employees to receive up to 100 percent of their normal weekly wage during 6 weeks of parental leave. Given the benefits of a comprehensive and accessible PPL program, the City of Los Angeles should implement a Paid Parental Leave Ordinance to supplement California's State Disability Insurance and/or Paid Family Leave benefits.






I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report back with options for a Paid Parental Leave Ordinance that would require employers to provide employees within the City of Los Angeles, who are receiving State Disability Insurance and/or Paid Family Leave benefits prior to the birth of a child and/or for recovery and new child bonding with supplemental compensation for up to 18 weeks, equal to the difference between the employee's State Disability Insurance and/or Paid Family Leave benefits and the employee's normal gross weekly wages, such that the employee receives up to 100 percent of their weekly wages, to be capped at the annual adjusted cost of living in the City of Los Angeles.

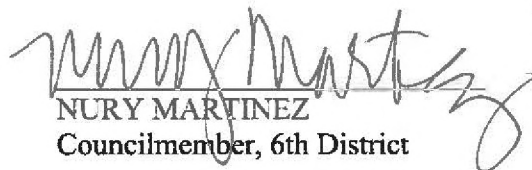
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to procure an independent study to evaluate the potential impacts to small business and options to mitigate risk, including, but not limited to, an exemption for small businesses and/or non-profit organizations, off-setting the City's business tax, expanding short-term disability insurance coverage, and the development of an opt-in program intended to pool risk and costs associated with a potential Paid Parental Leave program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance, Bureau of Contract Administration, and Department of Economic and Workforce Development, with the assistance and cooperation of the City Administrative Office, Chief Legislative Analyst and City Attorney be instructed/requested to report back with a review of potential program elements, including, but not limited to, outreach and education related to the proposed program, a timeline and framework for implementation, enforcement, mechanisms available to ensure for employment protections for Paid Parental Leave beneficiaries, and the inclusion of part-time and contract workers in the City's Paid Parental Leave Program.


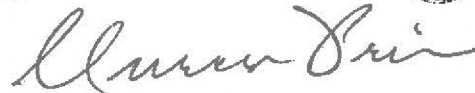
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst monitor ongoing efforts of the Governor's Paid Family Leave Program Task Force to provide additional funding for the Paid Family Leave Program and to report back to Council how best to leverage State funds for program implementation.

PRESENTED BY:

  
DAVID E. RYU  
Councilmember, 4th District

  
NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

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File # :	19-0101
Title :	Paid Parental Leave Ordinance
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>Many employees who are eligible for paid parental leave chose not to take the time off for fear of receiving partial pay while on leave. 84% of working people with partially paid leave reported having difficulty paying bills when they took time off.</p> <p>Some studies have shown that parents who have access to paid leave are better able to care for their children and greater long-term educational and earnings outcomes. Paid leave has been shown to increase labor force participation, higher employment-to-population ratios, greater labor-force participation and retention, and higher wage growth for women.</p>
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee SUPPORTS the Motion.
Vote :	6 “Yes,” 1 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Motion</b> for various actions and studies with the goal of increasing Paid Parental Leave compensation to 100% of employees’ normal wages.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Motion</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Motion</b> for various actions and studies with the goal of increasing Paid Parental Leave compensation to 100% of employees’ normal wages.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Motion</b></p>
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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence or the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there is a gap in coverage for treatment of mental illness in the United States and this gap is significant for low income people who are in need of mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, the gap in coverage for low income population is known as the Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion which prohibits the use of federal Medicaid financing for patients 21 to 65 living in residential facilities with more than 16 beds; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the Social Security Act was amended to establish the federal Medicaid and Medicare program with a built in IMD exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the IMD exclusion was to prevent states from shifting the responsibility and cost of inpatient psychiatric care to the federal government, but the states have been unable to provide adequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, in Section 1115 in the Social Security Act, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Service has the authority to waive specific provisions of health and welfare programs such as Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services announced that the federal government would consider state applications for IMD exclusion waivers which would allow Medicaid coverage for IMD treatment to patients with severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant number of individuals with severe mental illness in the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County introduced a motion on February 5, 2019 directing the Chief Executive Officer to send a five signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Department of Health Care Services, and the Los Angeles County State Legislative Delegation asking the State to apply for the 1115 Medicaid waiver to allow for the expansion of Medicaid coverage for the excluded population in need of inpatient mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, the County sent this letter to Governor Newsom on February 15, 2019 requesting the State to apply for the Section 1115 Medicaid waiver; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should fully support this effort and request the same from the State inasmuch as mental illness treatment is important to the City residents who have been excluded from this treatment in the past;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program, a request that Governor Gavin Newsom direct the California Department of Health Care Services to apply for the Section 1115 Medicaid waiver in the Social Security Act to allow for the expansion of Medicaid coverage to the excluded population that is in need of inpatient mental health treatment.

PRESENTED BY:

JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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File # :	19-0002-S75
Title :	Expansion of Medicaid Coverage for Inpatient Mental Health
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>The gap in coverage for low income people in need of mental health treatment is known as the Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion which prohibits the use of federal Medicaid financing for patients 21 to 65 living in residential facilities with more than 16 beds, as established by an amendment to the Social Security Act in 1965.</p> <p>The intention of the IMD exclusion was to prevent states from shifting the responsibility and cost of inpatient psychiatric care to the federal government. However, states have been unable to provide adequate coverage in these instances.</p> <p>In 2018, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) announced the federal government would consider state applications for IMD exclusion waivers which would allow Medicaid coverage for IMD treatment to patients with severe mental illness. There is a significant number of individuals with severe mental illness in the homeless population.</p>
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Resolution :	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program, a request that Governor Gavin Newsom direct the California Department of Health Care Services to apply for the Section 1115 Medicaid waiver in the Social Security Act to allow for the expansion of Medicaid coverage to the excluded population that is in need of inpatient mental health treatment.
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Resolution.
Vote :	7 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to apply for the Medicaid waiver to allow for the expansion of Medicaid coverage to the excluded population in need of inpatient mental health treatment.</p> <p><b>YES = YES to the Resolution</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to apply for the Medicaid waiver to allow for the expansion of Medicaid coverage to the excluded population in need of inpatient mental health treatment.</p> <p><b>NO = NO to the Resolution</b></p>
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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the Educational Equity provisions of the California Educational Code make it unlawful to discriminate against individuals based on immutable characteristics in employment, housing, and education; and

WHEREAS, certain physical traits, including hairstyles and hair textures, have been associated with racial, ethnic, or cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, a history of discrimination and prejudice has led to an implicit bias against these physical characteristics which have served to deny economic and educational opportunities for individuals of color; and

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate prejudice, individuals are forced to alter their hair or other physical characteristics in degrading or harmful ways in order to access opportunities that should be equally accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the 11<sup>th</sup> US Circuit Court of Appeals denied an appeal of EEOC vs. Catastrophe Management Solutions and the Supreme Court subsequently declined to hear the case, allowing for discrimination based hair texture or hairstyle nationwide; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Senate is SB 188 (Mitchell) which would make discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles, unlawful under the Fair Employment and Housing Act and the Educational Equity provisions of the California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the bill would provide protection which has been deferred by the courts by defining "race or ethnicity" in FEHA as including physical characteristics, including hairstyles, which have been associated with race; and

WHEREAS, women of color are the most common victims of this kind of discrimination, and these protections will help to improve the opportunities for women of color and the overall gender pay gap; and

WHEREAS, providing relief for discrimination not covered by federal laws will ensure equal opportunity, protect individuals from harmful grooming practices, and result in the deterioration of implicit biases that have been prevalent for decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 188 (Mitchell) which would make discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles, unlawful under the Fair Employment and Housing Act and the Educational Equity provisions of the California Education Code.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

Monica Rodriguez Curran

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ORIGINAL

File # :	19-0002-S79 re: SB 188
Title :	Discrimination Based on Physical Traits Associated with Race
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council re: California State Senate

Summary :	<p>The Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the Educational Equity provisions of the California Educational Code make it unlawful to discriminate against individuals based on immutable characteristics in employment, housing, and education.</p> <p>Certain physical traits, including hairstyles and hair textures, have been associate with racial, ethnic, or cultural identity. A history of discrimination and prejudice has led to implicit bias against these physical characteristics which have served to deny economic and educational opportunities for individuals of color. Women of color are the most common victims of this kind of discrimination.</p> <p>SB 188 would make discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, including hair textures/styles, unlawful under FEHA.</p>
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Resolution:	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 188 (Mitchell) which would make discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles, unlawful under the Fair Employment and Housing Act and the Educational Equity provisions of the California Education Code.
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Resolution.
Vote :	7 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to support AB 188, making it unlawful under FEHA to discriminate based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture/style.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution</b>  <b>YES = YES on SB 188</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to support AB 188, making it unlawful under FEHA to discriminate based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture/style.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Resolution</b>  <b>NO = NO on SB 188</b></p>
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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, with 700 women who die each year from childbirth, and another 50,000 who suffer from severe complications, the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate in the developed world; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, California has seen maternal mortality decline by 55 percent due in large part to the creation of the California Department of Public Health's California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR) project, which tracks pregnancy-related deaths and makes recommendations for improved maternal care; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, African American women maternal deaths in California are still three to four times higher than the state average; and

WHEREAS, a 2018 report released by the CA-PAMR Board found that African American women made up only five percent of the population that gave birth in California, but represented 21 percent of pregnancy-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, SB 464 (Mitchell) seeks to reduce pregnancy-related preventable deaths, severe illnesses and associated health disparities by addressing implicit bias among perinatal health providers; and

WHEREAS, implicit bias refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner; and

WHEREAS, previous studies point to implicit bias as one of the causes for the wide disparities seen between African American women's maternal mortality numbers and other ethnicity groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 464 (Mitchell), which would require all healthcare providers involved in perinatal services at hospitals and alternative birth centers to undergo evidence-based implicit bias training, require the California Department of Public Health to track and publish maternal mortality and morbidity rates, including information about the underlying causes and the racial or ethnic identities of patients, and to adopt the U.S. standard death certificate format regarding pregnancy to better capture information about maternal mortality.

PRESENTED BY:   
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

NOV 01 2019

SECONDED BY:   
  


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ORIGINAL

File # :	19-0002-S80 re: SB 464
Title :	Implicit Biased Training for Healthcare Providers Involved in Perinatal Services
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council re: California State Assembly

Summary :	<p>Since 2006, California has seen maternal mortality decline by 55%. Despite these efforts, African America women’s maternal deaths in California are still significantly higher than the state average. A 2018 report found that African American women made up only 5% of the population giving birth, but accounted for 21% of pregnancy-related deaths.</p> <p>AB 464 would require all healthcare providers involved in perinatal services at hospitals and alternative birth centers to undergo implicit bias training, and require the CA Department of Public Health to track and publish maternal mortality rates, causes, ethnic identities, and standard death certificate pregnancy format.</p> <p>Implicit bias refers to unconscious attitudes, stereotypes that affect understanding, actions and decisions. Previous studies indicate implicit bias as one of the causes for the wide disparity between African American women’s maternal mortality rates and other ethnic groups.</p>
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Resolution :	<p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 464 (Mitchell), which would require all healthcare providers involved in perinatal services at hospitals and alternative birth centers to undergo evidence-based implicit bias training, require the California Department of Public Health to track and publish maternal mortality and morbidity rates, including information about the underlying causes and the racial or ethnic identities of patients, and to adopt the U.S. standard death certificate format regarding pregnancy to better capture information about maternal mortality.</p>
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Resolution.
Vote :	7 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to support AB 464, which would require all healthcare providers involved in perinatal services at hospitals and alternative birth centers to undergo implicit bias training, and require improved tracking/reporting of maternal mortality.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution</b>  <b>YES = YES on SB 464</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to support AB 464, which would require all healthcare providers involved in perinatal services at hospitals and alternative birth centers to undergo implicit bias training, and require improved tracking/reporting of maternal mortality.</p> <p><b>NO = NO</b>  <b>NO = NO on SB 464</b></p>
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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**WHEREAS**, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, energy storage projects can generally provide a benefit to the power grid by complementing intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar; and

**WHEREAS**, California is a world leader in innovative energy storage and renewable energy projects; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) System Reference Plan for 2030 does not call for any pumped storage hydro projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPUC has found that pumped hydro increases costs for ratepayers, compared to other grid integration solutions such as greater access to regional renewable, battery storage, or strategic curtailment; and

**WHEREAS**, State Bill 772 has been introduced which would force the California Independent System Operation (CAISO) to procure large scale pumped hydro energy storage; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 772 would allocate costs to ratepayers through the transmission access charge (TAC); and

**WHEREAS**, SB 772 essentially rejects the current conclusion of the CPUC to look to other grid solutions and would force CAISO to procure storage projects totaling between 1,000 and 2,000 megawatts (MW) and shift project costs to ratepayers by categorizing these projects as a transmission asset; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 772 could jumpstart the controversial \$2.5 billion Eagle Mountain hydropower project that would harm Joshua Tree National Park, draining desert groundwater aquifers and sapping above-ground springs that nourish wildlife in and around the park; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its abundant wildlife, including bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and desert tortoises, conservationists have campaigned for years for the Eagle Mountain area to be added to the national park; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 772 could invite the federal government to interfere in California's energy policies at a time when Donald Trump and his administration is actively hostile to environmental concerns, as CAISO is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

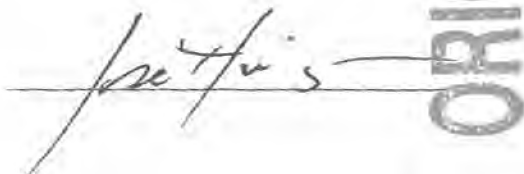
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 772, which will cost ratepayers unnecessarily without providing sufficient grid integration benefits, and jumpstart an environmentally-troubling and unnecessary hydro power project that will destroy wild lands adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park which should, instead, be adopted into the Park's boundaries.

PRESENTED BY:




PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



ORIGINAL

 MAY 29 2019

File # :	19-0002-S98 re: SB 772
Title :	Procurement of Large Scale Pumped Hydro Energy Storage
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council re: California State Senate

Summary :	<p>The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) System Reference Plan for 2030 does not call for any pumped storage hydro projects. The CPUC has found that pumped hydro increased costs for ratepayers compared to grid integration solutions such as renewable, battery, or curtailment.</p> <p>SB 772 requires the California Independent System Operations (CAISO), regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to procure large scale pumped hydro energy storage, allocating costs to ratepayers through transmission access charges (TAC).</p> <p>SB 772 could be a precursor to the Eagle Mountain hydropower project, which would draw water from Joshua Tree National Park’s groundwater aquifers and above-ground springs, and would be regulated by the federal government, rather than state agencies, under CAISO.</p>
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Resolution :	<p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 772, which will cost ratepayers unnecessarily without providing sufficient grid integration benefits, and jumpstart an environmentally-troubling and unnecessary hydro power project that will destroy wild lands adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park which should, instead, be adopted into the Park’s boundaries.</p>
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee SUPPORTS the Resolution.
Vote :	6 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 1 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to oppose SB 772, which would require CAISO to procure large scale pumped hydro energy storage.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution</b>  <b>YES = NO on SB 772</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to oppose SB 772, which would require CAISO to procure large scale pumped hydro energy storage.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Resolution</b>  <b>NO = YES on SB 772</b></p>
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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

19-0002-S50 Vehicle Removal and Impoundment Restrictions

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, under current law, local jurisdictions are authorized to have vehicles removed from the public-right-of way and impounded under specific circumstances; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances include instances where an individual has received five or more parking citations and failed to pay them, a vehicle's registration is six months out of date, and instances where a vehicle has been left in the public right-of way for over 72 hours without being moved; and

WHEREAS, the ability to remove vehicles for these types of violations is an important enforcement tool for law enforcement and parking enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, AB 516 (Chiu) would place new restrictions on the removal and impoundment of vehicles by local jurisdictions by prohibiting the towing of vehicles for these violations; and

WHEREAS, supporters of AB 516 state that this bill will help the economically disadvantaged, but in reality this bill will only enable scofflaws to flout parking restrictions, as well as allow individuals to refuse to pay vehicle registration fees without fear of any consequences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to AB 516 (Chiu), which would prohibit local jurisdictions from towing vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or that have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved.

PRESENTED BY:

GRIEG SMITH

Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

*Joe Bruno*

ORIGINAL

MAR 27 2019

*[Handwritten signature]*

File # :	19-0002-S50 re: AB 516
Title :	Vehicle Removal and Impoundment Restrictions
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council re: California State Assembly

Summary :	<p>Under current law, local jurisdictions are authorized to have vehicles removed from the public right-of-way and impounded under specific circumstances, including: instances where an individual has received 5 or more parking citations and failed to pay them, a vehicle’s registration is six months out of date, and instances where a vehicle has been left in the public right-of-way for over 72 hours without being moved.</p> <p>AB 516 would place new restrictions on the removal and impoundment of vehicles by local jurisdictions by prohibiting towing for these types of violations.</p>
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Resolution :	<p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to AB 516 (Chiu), which would prohibit local jurisdictions from towing vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or that have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved.</p>
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee SUPPORTS the Resolution.
Vote :	6 “Yes,” 1 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to oppose AB 516 prohibiting local jurisdictions from towing vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or that have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved.</p> <p><b>YES = YES to the Resolution</b>  <b>YES = NO to SB 516</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to oppose AB 516 prohibiting local jurisdictions from towing vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or that have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved.</p> <p><b>NO = NO to the Resolution</b>  <b>NO = YES to SB 516</b></p>
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MOTION

Roundup is the brand name of a glyphosate-based herbicide originally produced by Monsanto, which was recently acquired by Bayer. Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the United States -- and one of the most controversial. The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) deemed Roundup a probable carcinogen in 2015. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment lists glyphosate as a known human carcinogen under the state's Proposition 65. Recently, a UC San Diego study linked the weed killer to a rise in liver disease among humans.

In 2016, Motion (Bonin - Koretz) instructed the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to report on the use of Roundup in City parks and on alternatives that would better protect public health (C.F. 16-0651). In 2017, RAP reported on its safety protocols and risk mitigation measures when applying Roundup. In addition, RAP further limited exposure to Roundup by no longer applying to unwanted vegetation within 100 feet of children's play areas, recreation centers and dog parks. In light of more recent health findings, it is imperative that stronger restrictions be imposed.

Recently, the use of the herbicide has been the subject of considerable and frequent litigation. Several cases in California were recently filed against Monsanto, the parent company for Roundup, claiming that Roundup causes cancer. In three cases in the past year, the courts found in favor of the plaintiffs and ordered Monsanto to pay damages. In one case, the plaintiffs were awarded \$2.055 billion in damages, which was reported as the largest award in any personal injury case and the eighth largest in U.S. history. It is increasingly clear that the use of Roundup and glyphosate by the city departments puts the city at risk of litigation and liability.


It is prudent and appropriate for the City to take additional efforts to ban the use of Roundup and glyphosate Citywide at all parks and facilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to take immediate action to prohibit the use of Roundup at all City parks and facilities, and report on alternative products or vegetation management methods, that better protect public health and the potential costs.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request that the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports, and Department of Water & Power report on whether they use Roundup on any properties and facilities, and request said departments cease its use.

PRESENTED BY:

  
MIKE BONIN  
Councilman, 11<sup>th</sup> District

  
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



  
MAY 17 2019

ORIGINAL

File # :	16-0651-S1
Title :	Roundup and Glyphosate Citywide Ban
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	Recently, the use of glyphosate-based herbicides has been the subject of frequent litigation. In 3 cases in the past year, courts found in favor of plaintiffs in suits brought against Monsanto, the parent company for Roundup (glyphosate-based herbicide), and ordered Monsanto to pay damages. Continued use of Roundup and other glyphosates by city departments puts the city at risk of further litigation and liability.
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Motion :	<p>I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to take immediate action to prohibit the use of Roundup at all City parks and facilities, and report on alternative products or vegetation management methods, that better protect public health and the potential costs.</p> <p>I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request that the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports, and Department of Water &amp; Power report on whether they use Roundup on any properties and facilities, and request said departments cease its use.</p>
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GR Position :	Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Motion.
Vote :	7 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Motion</b> to prohibit the use of Roundup at all City parks, as well as the Port of LA and LA World Airport, and to report on alternative products/vegetation management methods.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Motion</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support Motion</b> to prohibit the use of Roundup at all City parks, as well as the Port of LA and LA World Airport, and to report on alternative products/vegetation management methods.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Motion</b></p>
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# RESOLUTION

19-0002-S102 Down-Zoning Parcels Moratorium

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**WHEREAS**, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature is considering SB 330 (Skinner) which would place a moratorium on 'down-zoning' parcels, that is, reducing the number of units that can be built on a parcel until January 1, 2025, and prohibit cities and counties, including charter cities, from imposing parking requirements within one-quarter mile of a rail stop, and freeze nearly all project related fees once a project applicant submits a 'preliminary application,' and

**WHEREAS**, SB 330 would arbitrarily limit how cities address community growth impacts by allowing project applicants to submit a 'preliminary application', which are known to contain too little information for a city to determine the scope of a proposed project or the type of California Environmental Quality Act clearance needed and its true potential environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 330 would place a limit on the number of public hearings needed to vet a proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 330 would place a ban on housing fees once a project applicant submits a 'preliminary application', thereby constraining the ability of cities to determine which fees apply to a proposed project, inasmuch as 'preliminary applications' lack all the necessary information to properly evaluate a proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 330 would prohibit project specific fees which cannot be determined until a city fully analyzes the project in its entirety; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 330 does not require any cost savings associated with the abovementioned limitations to be passed on to the renter or purchaser of a housing unit; and thereby project applicants would simply enhance their profit margin, while not producing affordable housing- which is vastly needed Statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of SB 330 would impede local land use control and diminish the City's ability to gather community input by placing a cap as to the number of public hearings, and

**WHEREAS**, SB 330 aims to do a version of what Los Angeles' Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program is doing without respecting the integrity of single family zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, authority over land use planning and zoning laws is the most fundamental of local issues and the City must maintain the ability to make decisions that make sense for local communities and neighborhoods, but the City cannot do this if the State asserts a one-size fits-all for every City and County in the State;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 330 (Skinner), which would place until January 1, 2025 a moratorium on 'down-zoning' parcels, that is, reducing the number of units that can be built on a parcel, and in addition prohibit cities and counties, including charter cities, from imposing parking requirements within one-quarter mile of a rail stop, and freeze nearly all project related fees once a project applicant submits a 'preliminary application,' inasmuch as it undermines local land use control, and ultimately, the principle of home rule.

PRESENTED BY:

  
PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



JUN 05 2019

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ORIGINAL

File # :	19-0002-S102 re: SB 330
Title :	Down-Zoning Parcels Moratorium
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council re: California State Senate

Summary :	<p>The state legislature is considering SB 330, which would place a moratorium on ‘down-zoning’ parcels – reducing the number of units that can be built on a parcel until January 1, 2025, prohibit cities/charter cities/counties from imposing parking requirements within one-quarter mile of rail stops, and freeze nearly all project related fees once a project applicants submits a ‘preliminary applications.’</p> <p>SB 330’s use of preliminary applications to expedite the proposal process may cause insufficient information gathering, fee collection, parking decisions, and environmental impacts for new proposals.</p> <p>The City Council believes that a “one-size-fits-all” approach for zoning and planning laws infringes on local authority of cities and counties to make decision for their local communities.</p>
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Resolution :	<p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 330 (Skinner), which would place until January 1, 2025 a moratorium on ‘down-zoning’ parcels, that is, reducing the number of units that can be built on a parcel, and in addition prohibit cities and counties, including charter cities, from imposing parking requirements within one-quarter mile of a rail stop, and freeze nearly all project related fees once a project applicant submits a ‘preliminary application,’ inasmuch as it undermines local land use control, and ultimately, the principle of home rule.</p>
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee SUPPORTS the Resolution.
Vote :	6 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 1 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to oppose SB 330, which would instill a moratorium on ‘down-zoning’ parcels, allow for ‘preliminary applications,’ and remove some local decision-making from development proposals.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution</b>  <b>YES = NO on SB 330</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to the CIS to support the Resolution</b> to oppose SB 330, which would instill a moratorium on ‘down-zoning’ parcels, allow for ‘preliminary applications,’ and remove some local decision-making from development proposals.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Resolution</b>  <b>NO = YES on SB 330</b></p>
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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Board Member	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	*May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	*July 2019	Total Absences
Abkarians, Aida	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Barta, Faye	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	1
Bell, Sandi	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	1
Booth, Thomas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	2
Brin, Dan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Brosamle, Anthony	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	1
Brostoff, Robert	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Brown, Margery	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Greenwood, Carolyn	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	2
Klea, Bonnie	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	1
Mogri, Saif	-----	-----	-----	-----	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	1
Naturman, Olivia	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	1
Randall, Steve	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Rose, Bill	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	4
Rothstein, Charlene	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	1
Scearce, Anthony	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	P	P	P	0
Schreibman, Myrl	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Sobel, Ron	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Trantafello, Bobbi	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	A	5
Trent, Joan	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	1
Uzemeck, Alec	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Vanderhoof, Brad	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Volet, Zach	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	1
Yvanek-Garb, Joanne	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	3

\* Special Meeting

## WHNC Inventory (as of July 1, 2019)

### Board / Operations Committee

- (1) Plastic Storage Shed (@ Montessori)
- (3) Pull-up Banners
- (1) Standard Horizontal Banner
- (1 box) Parade Float Decorations\*
- (1 stack) Awards & Certificates\*
- (1) American Flag w/ stand
- (1) Digital Timer
- (1) Large Coffee Pot
- (1) Digital Camera
- (1) Hand Truck
- (1) LCD Projector - Hitachi CP-WX3030WN
- (4) West Hills Medallion Welcome Signs\*
- (3) WHNC Table Clothes
- (1) WHNC Table Runner
- (1) WHNC EZ Up Canopy

### Beautification Committee

- (1) folding Table
- (1) A-Frame - Volunteers at Work Signage
- (1.5 cases) Beautification Committee Brochures\*
- (42) Traffic Vests
- (2) Wheel Barrels
- (2) Rubbermaid Water Coolers
- (2) Blue Trash Scoops/Dustpans
- (4) Yellow Quickie Trash Scoops/Dustpans
- (3) Large Barrel Trash Cans
- (2) 44 gallon Trash Cans
- (34) Pairs of Burlap Work Gloves
- (16) Pairs of Rubber Palmed Garden Gloves
- (17) Orange Traffic Cones
- (10) Large Push Brooms
- (11) Corn Brooms
- (4) Scoop Shovels
- (3) Square Shovels
- (5) Spade Shovels
- (1) Pitch Fork
- (4) Larger Garden Rakes

- (5) Small Rakes
- (3) Garden Hoes
- (9) Large Branch Loppers
- (2) Small Hedge Clippers
- (1) Box of Ear Plugs – approx. 80pc.\*
- (4) Boxes of 50 N95 Uline Dust Masks\*
- (1) Kobalt rechargeable battery for weed wacker /leaf blower
- (1) Traffic Flag
- (1) Heavy Duty Traffic Stand
- (1) Large "Road Work Ahead" Traffic Sign
- (3) Kobalt Weed Wackers
- (1) Kobalt Leaf Blower
- (9) Litter Grabbers
- (1) First Aid Kit
- (2) Ryobi Battery Chargers
- (2) Ryobi Batteries
- (2) Ryobi Weed Wackers

#### Budget Committee

- None

#### Bylaws Ad hoc Committee

- None

#### Communication and Outreach Committee

- (1) Plastic Container w/ Lid
- (6) Clipboards with WHNC pens attached by string (plastic and pressboard)
- (450) Logo Pens\*
- (1+ case) WHNC brochures\*
- (260) Logo Clips\*
- (235) WHNC Ceramic Mugs\*
- (Approx. 41) WHNC Large Bags\*
- (Approx. 9) WHNC Smaller Bags\*
- (Approx. 100) Blue Postcards (like brochure)\*
- (1) AT&T GoPhone Mobile Hotspot
- (1) A-Frame (No Signage)

#### Cultural, Community and Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee

- None

Election Ad hoc Committee

- None

Environment Committee

- None

Government Relations Committee

- None

Homelessness Committee

- None

Public Health Committee

- None

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

- (27) WHNC Neighborhood Watch Signs\*
- (1 Package) mounting bracket, bolts, nuts, washers and straps\*
- (3) Cases of EMD Brochures\*

Streets & Transportation Committee

- (Approx. 100) Outreach S&T Brochures\*
- (Approx. 100) Bike Reflectors\*
- (2) Vision Zero signs\*
- (Approx. 200 copies) Vision Zero Materials\*
- (1 Package) of Small Badge Awards\*

Youth & Education Committee

- None

Zoning & Planning Committee

- None

\* Consumable

Draft Resolution on Malibu Wines & Beer Garden  
West Hills Neighborhood Council  
August 1, 2019

**Whereas,** the West Hills Neighborhood Council reiterates that Malibu Wines & Beer Garden is a popular and valuable institution in West Hills, and that this Neighborhood Council wants it to remain in the community; and

**Whereas,** at the same time we continue to listen to the concerns of many of the neighbors of Malibu Wines & Beer Garden, and over months of meetings and investigations held by the WHNC's Zoning & Planning Committee we continue to believe that many of these concerns are unresolved;

**Therefore, let it be resolved** that the West Hills Neighborhood Council remains committed to work with all sides in this matter toward finding solutions that will enable Malibu Wines & Beer Garden to continue operating profitably in West Hills while ensuring the safety, peace of mind, and general welfare of its neighbors and the community at large. To this end, we call on all sides to engage in this quest with civility, respect and willingness to compromise.

*Respectfully submitted by Dan Brin*

# Monthly Expenditure Report



**Reporting Month: June 2019**

**Budget Fiscal Year: 2018-2019**

**NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$14441.25	\$3659.63	\$10781.62	\$173.17	\$0.00	\$10608.45

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$37000.00	\$115.37	\$11281.62	\$0.00	\$11108.45
Outreach		\$2529.61		\$173.17	
Elections		\$514.65		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$5000.00	\$500.00	\$-500.00	\$0.00	\$-500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$27558.75	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	RALPHS #0213	06/04/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$29.36
2	PRINTFIRM	06/12/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$15.31
3	INT IN AKD Å AKD INK	06/13/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$10.95
4	INT IN AKD Å AKD INK	06/13/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$21.90
5	INT IN AKD Å AKD INK	06/13/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$21.90
6	INT IN AKD Å AKD INK	06/13/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$10.95
7	THE WEB CORNER, INC	06/01/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$150.00
8	ICONCONTACT	06/13/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$530.40

9	HAMILTON DI	06/20/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$176.00
10	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	06/22/2019	(Credit card transaction)	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$62.40
11	Prince of Peace Chrch Focl Agnts Fr	05/23/2019	Discussion and possible action on providing an NPG...	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$500.00
12	de Toledo High School	05/23/2019	Discussion and possible action on appropriating &#x24...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$5.00
13	Valley News Group	06/04/2019	Discussion and possible action on approving \$...	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$300.00
14	Charlene Rothstein	06/04/2019	Discussion and possible action on request for reim...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$310.81
15	Canoga Park- West Hills Chamber of Commerce	06/05/2019	Discussion and possible action on payment of &#x24...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$1000.00
16	Charlene Rothstein	06/05/2019	Discussion and possible action on request for reim...	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$214.65
17	City of Los Angeles - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment	06/05/2019	Discussion and possible action on payment for Empo...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$300.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$3659.63</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	Bobbi Tranrafello	05/23/2019	Discussion and possible action on a request for ex...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$173.17
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$173.17</b>

WHNCNC CONTROLLER'S 2019-2020 REPORT (as of July 29, 2019) (20190729)

Transaction Number	Committee	Vendor/Payee	Budget Line Item	Balance (Pre/Post)	Committee Agenda	Committee Approval	Budget Agenda	Budget Approval	Budget Request Form NPG Request	Board Agenda	Board Approval	Transaction Date / Submitted to City	Amount Paid	Notes
1	Communications & Outreach	Kristal Graphics	13	\$1,000/\$215.80	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	7/2/2019	7/2/2019	7/3/2019	\$784.20	Outreach - Clips, Pens, Mugs
2	Board (Recurring)	The Web Corner	9	\$1,800/\$1,650	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/10/2019	\$150.00	Monthly Website
3	Board (Recurring)	Kristal Graphics	3	\$800/\$701.51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/12/2019	\$98.49	Meeting Copies
4	Board (Recurring)	Rackspace Email	10	\$660/\$597.60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/22/2019	\$62.40	Email Server
5	Board (Recurring)	AKD	3	\$701.51/\$690.56	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/24/2019	\$10.95	New Member Badges
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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, AB 1400 (Kamlager-Dove), introduced on February 22, 2019, would allow civilian public employees who participate in firefighting operations to receive workers' compensation payments if they develop cancer as a result of carcinogen exposure during their duties under the presumption that cancer is a work-related condition; and

WHEREAS, existing law grants firefighters the right to a presumption that cancer is a work-related condition for purposes of making a workers' compensation claim; and

WHEREAS, there are many fire department employees throughout California whose regular job duties involve handling equipment and safety gear that has been exposed to and contaminated with toxic materials; and

WHEREAS, these employees are not presently granted the right to the presumption that cancer is a work-related condition, despite data showing that these employees experience a higher rate of cancer than the general population; and

WHEREAS, these employees are essential to firefighting operations and the safety of our communities, and the risks that they take as a result of their employment ought to be acknowledged by granting them similar rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes into its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1400 (Kamlager-Dove), which would allow civilian public employees who participate in firefighting operations to benefit from the right to a presumption that cancer is a work-related condition for purposes of making a workers' compensation claim.

PRESENTED BY: *Herb J. Wesson*  
HERB J. WESSON, JR.  
Councilmember, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: *Monica Rodriguez*

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File # :	19-0002-S99 re: AB 1400
Title :	Public Employees Workers Compensation
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council re: California State Assembly

Summary :	<p>While existing law grants firefighters the right to a presumption that cancer is a work-related condition for purposes of workers’ compensation claims, there are many FD employees whose regular duties involve handling equipment and safety gear that has been exposed to an contaminated with toxic minerals who are not presently granted this right of presumption.</p> <p>AB 1400 would allow civilian public employees who participate in firefighting operation to receive workers’ compensation payments if they develop cancer as a result of carcinogen exposure during their duties under the presumption that cancer is work-related.</p>
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Resolution :	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes into its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1400 (Kamiager-Dove), which would allow civilian public employees who participate in firefighting operations to benefit from the right to a presumption that cancer is a work-related condition for purposes of making a workers’ compensation claim.
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Motion.
Vote :	6 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of a CIS to support the Resolution to support AB 1400</b>, granting civilian public employees who participate in firefighting operation presumption that cancer is a work-related condition for workers’ compensation claims.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution</b>  <b>YES = YES on AB 1400</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to a CIS to support the Resolution to support AB 1400</b>, granting civilian public employees who participate in firefighting operation presumption that cancer is a work-related condition for workers’ compensation claims.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Resolution</b>  <b>NO = NO on AB 1400</b></p>
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RESOLUTION CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT  
AGENDA TO CL

Promoting Publicly Financed, Owned and Operated Safe Water and Wastewater Services

WHEREAS, public health depends on equitable access to drinking water and sanitation systems, and public ownership of drinking water and wastewater treatment systems has been fundamental to ensuring access and quality over the past century; and

WHEREAS, the Public Trust Doctrine states that water is the commons of all to be managed by government as the sovereign of the people and also protects the habitats from where source waters are drawn; and

WHEREAS, the privatization of municipal water and wastewater treatment systems and services is inappropriate because it turns water into a commodity to be sold for profit; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is the largest municipal utility in the United States and, like the Bureau of Sanitation, is publicly-owned and financed, governed by a board appointed by public officials and accountable to an elected city council; and

WHEREAS, the LADWP has worked in partnership with the Mono Lake Committee to mitigate and remediate the impacts of water withdrawals on habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's 2019 Sustainability pLAN update calls for the City of Los Angeles to source 70% of water locally and to recycle 100% of all wastewater for beneficial reuse by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has embarked on a \$573 million remediation program of the San Fernando Valley Groundwater Aquifer, which will provide local drinking water to more than 800,000 Angelenos, and residents of the Los Angeles County approved Measure W, which will generate \$500 million annually for stormwater quality and recharge projects, further reducing our dependence on imported water; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is requiring much-needed improvements to wastewater standards, a situation that could open the door to privatization unless dedicated public infrastructure funding is provided to upgrade treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, a "Blue Community" is one that adopts a water commons framework that treats water as a shared resource to be governed by principles that allow for reasonable use, equal distribution and responsible treatment in order to preserve water for nature and future generations; and

WHEREAS, keeping water and wastewater infrastructure public is one of three steps needed to declare the City of Los Angeles a Blue Community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles declares itself a Blue Community by promoting public financed, owned, and operated municipal water and wastewater services while opposing future privatization, and resolves to keep these services publicly financed, owned, operated and managed.

Presented by: Paul Krekorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Seconded by: [Signature]

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File # :	19-0481
Title :	Promotion of Municipal Water and Wastewater Services
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>The Public Trust Doctrine states that water is the commons of all to be managed by government as the sovereign of the people and also protects the habitats from where source waters are drawn, and that privatization of municipal water is inappropriate because it turns water into a commodity to be sold for profit.</p> <p>A "Blue Community" is one that adopts a water commons framework that treats water as a shared resource to be governed by principles that allow for reasonable use, equal distribution and responsible treatment in order to preserve water for nature and future generations.</p>
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Resolution :	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles declares itself a Blue Community by promoting public financed, owned, and operated municipal water and wastewater services while opposing future privatization, and resolves to keep these services publicly financed, owned, operated and managed.
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Motion.
Vote :	6 "Yes," 0 "No," 0 "Abstain"

"YES" Vote:	<p>A "YES" vote would be <b>in favor of a CIS to support the Resolution</b> to declare Los Angeles a Blue Community by promoting public municipal water and wastewater services while opposing privatization of these services.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution</b></p>
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"NO" Vote:	<p>A "NO" vote would be <b>in opposition to a CIS to support the Resolution</b> to declare Los Angeles a Blue Community by promoting public municipal water and wastewater services while opposing privatization of these services.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Resolution</b></p>
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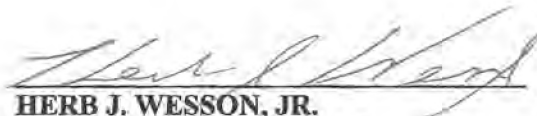
In June 2015, Gloucester, Massachusetts Police Chief Leonard Campanello launched the Angel Program and announced his department would treat addiction as a disease, rather than a crime, and would not arrest those seeking help. The program created a simple, stigma-free entry point to treatment on demand and reframed addiction as a disease, not a crime. Under his plan, any person with a substance addiction who asks the police department for help will be immediately taken to a hospital and placed in a recovery program. No arrest. No jail.

The Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative (PAARI) provides support and resources to help law enforcement agencies nationwide create non-arrest pathways to treatment and recovery. PAARI is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the Gloucester Police addiction initiatives, to aid other police departments to implement similar programs, and to foster a dialogue around the unique opportunity for police departments to take direct action against the disease of drug addiction in their communities. Working in conjunction with the medical community and science-based recovery programs, police departments can make a difference in their communities by saving lives from drug overdoses, reducing the number of people suffering from drug addiction and thereby devaluing a seemingly endless drug supply.

Now a national network of more than 400 police departments in 32 states, PAARI primarily supports non-arrest, or early diversion, program models that reach people before they enter the criminal justice system. The City of Los Angeles' has made great strides to address the homelessness crisis, but more work is needed as are more innovative solutions to connect people to the help that they need to take their first steps on a path to reclaiming their lives. One of the ways that this could be achieved is through a partnership with an organization like the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI).

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from LAPD be instructed to report back on instituting a program that prioritizes treatment instead of arrest, for persons suffering from addiction and substance abuse, using the Angel Program as a model and exploring the potential for a partnership with a non-profit like PARRI for the purpose of implementing the program.

**PRESENTED BY:**

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

**SECONDED BY:**



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File # :	19-0582
Title :	Non-Arrest or Early Diversion
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>Police Assisted Addiction &amp; Recovery Initiative (PAARI) programs across the country provide support and resources to help law enforcement agencies nationwide create non-arrest pathways and early diversion to treatment and recovery. Under this program, any person with a substance addiction who asks the police department for help will immediately be taken to a hospital and placed in a recovery program. No arrest. No jail.</p> <p>In the City’s ongoing struggle with homelessness, a PAARI partnership could help reach those at risk before they enter the criminal justice system.</p>
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Motion :	I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from LAPD be instructed to report back on instituting a program that prioritizes treatment instead of arrest, for persons suffering from addiction and substance abuse, using the Angel Program as a model and exploring the potential for a partnership with a non-profit like PAARI for the purpose of implementing the program.
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS the Motion.
Vote :	6 “Yes,” 0 “No,” 0 “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be <b>in favor of a CIS to support the Motion</b> for a report on instituting a program prioritizing treatment instead of arrest, and exploring a potential partnership like PAARI towards implementation.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Motion</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be <b>in opposition to a CIS to support the Motion</b> for a report on instituting a program prioritizing treatment instead of arrest, and exploring a potential partnership like PAARI towards implementation.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Motion</b></p>
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19-0623 Empty Homes Penalty

**M O T I O N*****“Empty Homes Penalty”***

Los Angeles is facing two severe and related crises - homelessness and a dire shortage of affordable housing. Urgent and comprehensive action is required to address and resolve these unprecedented challenges.

The region has a shortage of more than 500,000 units of affordable housing for low-income renters. The median rent is unaffordable to anyone making less than \$47 per hour. 721,000 renter households pay 50% or more of their monthly income on housing. The ridiculously high cost of housing is exacerbating our already severe homelessness problem. Thousands of people are falling out of the housing market and landing in a growing number of encampments on our streets.

At the same time, a significant amount of Los Angeles' housing stock remains vacant. The 2017 American Community Survey of the U.S. Census showed there were 111,810 vacant housing units in Los Angeles city.

Facing similar crises, other cities — such as Vancouver, Paris, Washington DC, and Oakland — have levied some form of an “Empty Homes Penalty,” or vacancy tax, on speculators and property owners who keep habitable housing units vacant.

The stated objective of empty homes penalties has been to: 1) return empty or under-utilized properties to use as long-term rental homes; 2) help relieve pressure on the region's rental housing market; and 3) create a revenue stream for affordable or homeless housing and services.

In Vancouver, which recently established an “empty homes penalty,” the number of vacant properties has fallen by 15 percent in one year and the city says just over half of those previously empty homes have been returned to the rental market. In Oakland, with a population one-tenth the size of Los Angeles, where voters approved an empty homes penalty in November 2018, the city is expected to raise an estimated \$10 million annually for 20 years to fund homeless services, preserve and create new affordable housing, and address illegal dumping and blight. The measure includes several exemptions, including for principal residences, or financial or other hardship.

Given the tremendous severity of the crisis facing the city and the region, Los Angeles should take similarly aggressive steps to encourage, push, or require existing vacant and habitable housing units to be put on the rental market. An “Empty Homes Penalty” is one important initiative out of many strategies for making more homes accessible for more Angelenos, and we should pursue it without delay. Establishment of an “Empty Homes Penalty” in Los Angeles would likely require voter approval, in



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accordance with Proposition 218.

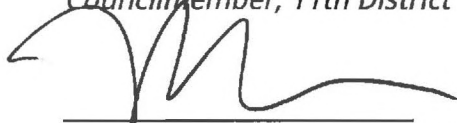
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning, and the Department of Building and Safety, to report on the amount of vacant, habitable housing units in Los Angeles.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, examine "Empty Homes" penalties, vacancy taxes, and speculator taxes in other jurisdictions, and report with policy options for a potential "Empty Homes Penalty" structure in Los Angeles, for consideration by voters in 2020.

**PRESENTED BY:**



**MIKE BONIN**  
*Councilmember, 11th District*



**MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON**  
*Councilmember, 8th District*



**DAVID RYU**  
*Councilmember, 4th District*



**PAUL KORETZ**  
*Councilmember, 5th District*

**SECONDED BY:**



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File # :	19-0623
Title :	Empty Homes Penalty
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>Los Angeles is facing two severe and related crises: homelessness and affordable housing shortages. The region has a shortage of more than 500,000 units of affordable housing. The high cost of housing in exacerbating the homelessness problem; thousands are falling out of the housing market and landing in a growing number of street encampments. Simultaneously, a significant volume of City housing remains vacant; a recent survey showed there were nearly 112,000 vacant housing units in Los Angeles.</p> <p>Facing similar crises, other cities – such as Vancouver, Paris, Washington DC, and Oakland – have levied “Empty Homes Penalties/Taxes” on speculators and property owners who choose to keep habitable units vacant.</p> <p>The stated objective of empty homes penalties are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Return empty /under-utilized properties to use as long-term rental homes</li> <li>2. Help relieve pressure on regional rental housing markets</li> <li>3. Create revenue streams for affordable or homeless housing</li> </ol> <p>Establishment of an "Empty Homes Penalty" in Los Angeles would likely require voter approval, in accordance with Proposition 218.</p>
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Resolution :	<p>I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning, and the Department of Building and Safety, to report on the amount of vacant, habitable housing units in Los Angeles.</p> <p>I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, examine "Empty Homes" penalties, vacancy taxes, and speculator taxes in other jurisdictions, and report with policy options for a potential Empty Homes Penalty" structure in Los Angeles, for consideration by voters in 2020.</p>
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GR Position :	The Government Relations Committee supports the Resolution.
Vote :	4 “Yes,” 1 “No,” “Abstain”

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would <b>be in favor of a CIS to support the resolution</b> to instruct various City agencies/department/officers to report on the amount of vacant units, and policy options for penalties/taxes for voter consideration.</p> <p><b>YES = YES on the Resolution.</b></p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would <b>be in opposition of a CIS to support the resolution</b> to instruct various City agencies/department/officers to report on the amount of vacant units, and policy options for penalties/taxes for voter consideration.</p> <p><b>NO = NO on the Resolution.</b></p>
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