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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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<p><u>Opening Business</u></p> <p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call – Establish Quorum</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Approve Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Controller’s Report</p> <p>Budget Report</p> <p>Comments from the Chair: Bobbi Trantafello and Vacancy Announcement</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Co-Chairs: Mr. Dan Brin Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p> <p>Secretary: Mr. Brad Vanderhoof</p> <p>Co-Chair: Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p> <p>Secretary: Mr. Brad Vanderhoof</p> <p>Treasurer: Ms. Carolyn Greenwood</p> <p>Controller: Mr. Saif Mogri</p> <p>Co-Chair: Mr. Dan Brin</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>Comments & statements from stakeholders or interested parties on subjects <u>NOT</u> on this meeting’s agenda. <i>(Requires Speaker Card)</i></p> <p>*The Council affords an opportunity to members of the public to address the Council on items of interest that are within the Council’s jurisdiction. The Council is not permitted to take action on items that are not identified on the agenda. The Council reserves the right to limit speakers’ time if necessary to provide an adequate opportunity for all to be heard.*</p>	<p>7:15 P.M.</p>	<p>Co-Chair: Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p>
<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <p>LAPD Senior Lead Officers Council District 12 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</p> <p>Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 LAUSD District 3</p> <p>Budget Advocate</p>	<p>7:25 P.M.</p>	<p>SLO Kari McNamee Mr. Eric Moody, District Director Ms. Semee Park, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations Ms. Tessa Charnofsky, District Director Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement & Data Specialist Ms. Patricia Bates, Region 3, South West Valley</p>

<p><u>Council Announcements</u> Committee & Liaison Reports</p>	<p>7:40 P.M.</p>	<p>West Hills Neighborhood Council</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u> 20-0085 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File 20-0731, George Floyd/Protests/Los Angeles Police Department/Tactics and Use of Force/Office of Inspector General (10 Minutes Max)</p>	<p>7:50 P.M.</p>	
<p><u>New Business</u> 20-0086 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's July 2020 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) (3 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0087 - Discussion and possible action on approving a detailed budget request from the Special Events Committee in the amount of \$750 (5 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0088 – Discussion and possible action on participating in LAUSD Board of Directors District 3 Election Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30. (5 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0089 – Discussion and possible action on whether to override WHNC president's removal of Government Relations Committee chairs (2/3 vote required to override) (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0090 – Discussion and possible action on whether to ratify WHNC president's appointment of Joanne Yvanek-Garb as chair of the Government Relations Committee (majority vote required to ratify) (5 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0091 – Discussion and possible action to record all WHNC Board of Directors meetings (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0092 – Discussion and possible action to authorize board member Anthony Scarce to post on the WHNC's social media accounts (3 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0093 – Discussion and possible action on designating the palm trees on March Avenue as a city Historic Cultural Landmark (5 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0094 – Discussion and possible action on CF 20-617, Public Right-of-Way Dine-in Service / Streamlined and Affordable Permitting Program/Restaurants/Temporary Parking Requirements Suspension (5 Minutes Max)</p> <p>20-0095 – Discussion and possible action on CF 20-0147-S7, Coronavirus Outbreak/Covid-19/Temporarily Suspend Enforcement/ Non-Metered Time Restrictions /Rush Hour Parking (5 Minutes Max)</p>	<p>8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Ms. Aida Abkarians, Chair Youth & Education Committee</p> <p>Mr. Dan Brin, WHNC Co-Chair</p> <p>Mr. Dan Brin, WHNC Co-Chair</p> <p>Mr. Brad Vanderhoof, Co-Chair Communications Committee</p> <p>Mr. Brad Vanderhoof, Co-Chair Communications Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scarce, Chair Streets & Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scarce, Chair Streets & Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scarce, Chair Streets & Transportation Committee</p>

20-0096 – Discussion and possible action on letter to CD 12 and city representatives regarding excessive vehicle exhaust noise/speeding/reckless driving/exhibitions of speed (5 Minutes Max)		Mr. Anthony Searce, Chair Streets & Transportation Committee
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:30 P.M.	

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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Revised August 26, 2020

PRESENT: Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolun Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Ann Mizrahi (left about 10:00 PM), Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, Zach Volet, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

ABSENT: Aida Abkarians, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello

Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.

Vice President Char Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Controller's Report: Saif Mogri said a couple of invoices for Web Corner and Rackspace were paid in July.

Budget Report: None

Chair Comments:

The Chairs stated they are both working to handle the discord on the Board and need to keep the Council functioning. Board members' number one priority should be to behave in a civil manner and work together.

Public Comment:

Marie Javdani is worried about the low census count, especially among seniors. Barbara said the West Valley Animal Shelter is currently closed and she is concerned there will not be services available if it becomes a private rescue center. Gail said with the shelter closed the only animal services in the San Fernando Valley will be at the East Valley shelter and CD12 has provided no comment. Michelle is opposed to giving the shelter to a private rescue organization. "Fire Tablet" does not want the West Valley shelter closed as Van Nuys is too far away, and said the shelters were paid for with tax dollars. Chris Rowe wanted to mention there are two important meetings coming up: a forum on Storm Water next Tuesday from 4 to 6 PM, and the State Heritage Commission will discuss traditional historic properties including the need to preserve sacred land at the SSFL. Cathy said the West Valley Animal Shelter needs to reopen and NCs can make statements to the Animal Services Commissioners. Bill Rose said West Valley Christian Church is doing services online. Joanne Yvanek-Garb is working as a census supervisor. Corrine Ho said Mayor Garcetti is making the rounds

of NC Alliances and will be at the next VANC meeting. Christina Walsh said Board members should not interrupt speakers during public comment.

Announcements:

President Dan Brin introduced WHNC's new Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Betty Wong Oyama, who has been with DONE 20 years. Ms. Wong Oyama said to contact her with any concerns. She also said suspension letters are being sent to NC members who are not in compliance by acknowledging the Code of Conduct. Funding training can be taken virtually. Betty.Wong@LACITY.org

Semie Park of DONE asked for videos of NC activity and the community. A videographer will put clips together for use in election outreach. On Aug. 31 at 7 PM, DONE will hold a working group to revamp the website. Chris Rowe asked if stakeholders can participate in training and Ms. Park stated training is open to the public.

Tessa Charnofsky from Supervisor Kuehl's office said there are resources other than unemployment insurance to help those in economic difficulty such as Cal Fresh.

Eric Moody from CD12 said the staff is busy working to help those in need. LADWP is working on a plan to lower bills when everyone is at home using more electricity and water. They are working on the palm trees Historic Cultural Monument. No final decision has been made regarding the West Valley Animal Shelter and meetings are being held to discuss its future. It is closed but will reopen, possibly with a non-profit partner.

Tara Vahdani from LAUSD said the district will hold a Community Town Hall of Schools at Taft High School in Woodland Hills.

Tanaz Golshan from the Mayor's Office spoke about new grant, not loan, programs to help small businesses. LADWP is enforcing electrical service disconnects for business not conforming to COVID restrictions regarding gatherings.

Board Vacancy:

President Dan Brin announced a vacancy on the WHNC Board of Directors. Board member Anthony Brosamle has resigned his seat. Char Rothstein will chair the Ad Hoc Vacancy Committee.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Transportation: Anthony Scarce said LADOT is not acknowledging traffic requests at this time.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Bob Brostoff said the August committee meeting is cancelled.

Animal Services Liaison: It is kitten season. Consider an adoption.

Budget Advocates: Patricia Bates introduced herself as the new Budget Advocates representative for the WHNC. She is honored to serve, and her priority is equity as the San Fernando Valley gets the short end of the stick when it comes to funding.

Homelessness Liaison: Marie Javdani said eviction moratoriums are set to end Sept. 30. This is set for review once a month and is not a rent forgiveness program.

New Business

20-0079 - Approval of the WHNC's June 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Carolyn Greenwood said all fiscal year 2019-2020 funds were spent by the deadline and nothing was outstanding as of the end of June.

Approval of the MER

Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 1

The MER is approved.

20-0080 – Approval of a revised 2020-2021 WHNC budget in the amount of \$41,704.92

Carolyn presented the 2020-2021 WHNC budget. An amendment was proposed to reduce the budget amount for committee printing by \$64.80. President Brin asked for a motion. Steve Randall so moved. Dan Brin seconded.

Motion to amend

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 1

The amendment to reduce the budget amount for committee printing passed.

Approval of the amended WHNC 2020-2021 budget

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 1

The budget is approved.

20-0081 - Resolution in support of allowing NCs to communicate to any official regarding land use issues, senate and assembly bills and any issue that is of importance to an NC

Item referred back to committee by Chair.

20-0082 - Discussion and possible action on an updated Emergency/Bridge Housing letter to CD 12

Olivia Naturman presented the draft letter. Steve Randall moved to reword the letter. Myrl Schreiber seconded. During discussion amendments to the wording were suggested. Second sentence – ‘We are proud of the work that is under way.’ Also, ‘We hope there is work underway.’ Thomas Booth moved to amend the letter.

Motion to amend

Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3

Amendment passes

Approval of letter to CD12

Yes – 16, No – 0, Abstain – 5, Absent -- 3

The letter is approved.

20-0083 – Approval of a Neighborhood Council event approval form for a proposed Halloween Houses on Parade/Display on Oct. 23-31, 2020

Approval of event form

Yes – 15, No – 4, Abstain – 1, Absent – 4

Event form approved.

Ann Mizrahi left (estimated).

20-0084 – West Hills Neighborhood Council to participate in an upcoming proposed LAUSD District 3 Board of Directors Election Town Hall

Approval of event

Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 4

Event participation approved.

20-0085 - Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File 20-0731 George Floyd/Protests/Los Angeles Police Department/Tactics and Use of Force/Office of Inspector General

After a contentious discussion among members of the Board, Secretary Brad Vanderhoof pointed out the meeting had degenerated into a shouting match, was already an hour beyond the scheduled end time, and moved to adjourn. Faye Barta seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sept, 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM, and will be held electronically.

CF 20-0731

George Floyd / Protests / Los Angeles Police
Department / Tactics and Use of Force / Office
of Inspector General

Agenda Item 20-0085

File # :	20-0731
Title :	George Floyd / Protests / Los Angeles Police Department / Tactics and Use of Force / Office of Inspector General
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>Peaceful and first-amendment protected demonstrations are continuing in Los Angeles, part of a national call for justice. Further, while more instances of restraint and professionalism were displayed by the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), there were a number of instances where excessive force appeared to be used against protesters.</p> <p>Of particular interest is Saturday, May 30, 2020, though it is not the only example. What started out as a peaceful, multicultural and multigenerational family-oriented gathering at Pan Pacific Park turned into violence and chaos by day’s end.</p>
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Motion :	<p>I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Inspector General, with assistance from LAPD and the Department of Civil and Human Rights (CHKD), be requested to report back with a thorough review and explanation of the Hurdles used by Los Angeles Police Department personnel on Saturday, May 30, 2020, particularly in the vicinity of the “Fairfax District”, including an explanation of the chain of events that led the decision to have LAPD officers engage with protesters.</p> <p>I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of the Inspector General, with assistance from LAPD and the Department of Civil and Human Rights (CHKD), be requested to investigate complaints filed against LAPD for use of force in dispersing demonstrators, including the purposes and types of less-than-lethal tools used, use of force for crowds already dispersing, and claims of LAPD focusing on protest gatherings reducing response times for smaller groups committing acts of arson, looting, and vandalism.</p> <p>I FURTHER MOVE that LAPD, CHRD, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and other relevant agencies be instructed to conduct a thorough review and evaluation of current departmental protocols for crowd control and the levels of force on peaceful protesters and report back with their findings and recommendations to address any issues found.</p> <p>CO-PRESENTED BY: CO-PRESENTED BY:</p>
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GR Position :	Government Relations Committee UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS a CIS in favor of the Motion
Vote :	8 “Yes,” “No,” “0” Abstain

“YES” Vote:	<p>A “YES” vote would be in favor of a CIS to support the Motion for an Inspector General investigation into LAPD use of force in response to George Floyd protests.</p> <p>YES = YES on the Motion</p>
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“NO” Vote:	<p>A “NO” vote would be in opposition to a CIS to support the Motion for an Inspector General investigation into LAPD use of force in response to George Floyd protests.</p> <p>NO = NO on the Motion</p>
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MOTION

The tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis has sparked one of the largest and most profound movements for social justice our country has seen. Like many other cities across our nation, Los Angeles has seen large displays of protest and unity. Early on, there were some reports of opportunistic acts of violence, vandalism and looting, however, the majority of these protests have been peaceful, powerful and served to bring our City together.

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CO-PRESENTED BY: _____
CURREN D. PRICE JR. (verbal)
Councilmember, 9th District

CO-PRESENTED BY: 
DAVID E. RYU (verbal)
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____
(Rodriguez - verbal second)
MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)
Councilmember, 7th District

Fiscal Year	Total Litigation Expenditures	Total Judgements & Settlements	Attorney's Fees & Costs	Sheriff Department Expense	% of Total Expenditures
2018 – 2019	\$148,500,000	\$91,500,000	\$57,000,000	\$81,485,430	54.87%
2017 – 2018	\$135,700,000	\$73,700,000	\$62,000,000	\$62,000,000	45.69%
2016 – 2017	\$145,500,000	\$79,300,000	\$66,100,000	\$68,619,128	47.16%
2015 – 2016	\$131,800,000	\$71,300,000	\$60,500,000	\$62,580,291	47.48%
2014 – 2015	\$118,900,000	\$59,900,000	\$59,000,000	\$60,983,093	51.29%
TOTALS	\$680,400,000	\$375,700,000	\$304,600,000	\$335,667,942	49.30%

Source: Los Angeles County Counsel Annual Litigation Report – Fiscal Years 2014 - 2019

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: July 2020

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$41640.12	\$214.80	\$41425.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41425.32

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$31042.91	\$214.80	\$30828.11	\$0.00	\$30828.11
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$957.09	\$0.00	\$957.09	\$0.00	\$957.09
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	07/09/2020	Web hosting for WHNC	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
2	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	07/22/2020	Email service for WHNC Board Members	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$64.80
Subtotal:						\$214.80

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$0.00

WHNC Budget Committee
July 2020 Spending Report

8/12/20

Item #	Committee	Purpose	Budget	Prev. Exp.	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total Spent	Balance	% Spent
	Office												
1	Office	Misc Exp	519.00								0.00	519.00	0
2	Office	Rent	5.00								0.00	5.00	0
3	Office	Comm Print	303.80								0.00	303.80	0
4	Office	PO Box	326.00								0.00	326.00	0
5	Office	Apple One	17641.80								0.00	17641.80	0
6	Office	Go Daddy	21.17								0.00	21.17	0
7	Board	Web Corner	1800.00		150.00						150.00	1650.00	8
8	Board	Rack Space	830.54		64.80						64.80	765.74	8
9	Board	lcontact	530.40								0.00	530.40	0
	Subtotal		21977.71	0.00	214.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.80	21762.91	1
	Outreach												
10	Communicatio	Outreach	2517.33								0.00	2517.33	0
11	Beautification	Refresh & S	200.00								0.00	200.00	0
12	Spec Events	Outreach	5000.00									5000.00	
13	Environment	Outreach											
14	Gov't Relations	VANC											
15	Gov't Relations	Budget Advocates											
16	Gov't Relations	Congress											
17	Gov't Relations	Emp LA Awards											
18	Homelessness	Homeless	1530.81								0.00	1530.81	0
19	Public Safety	Forums	139.62								0.00	139.62	0
20	Strts & Trans	Outreach	1224.65								0.00	1224.65	0
21	Public Health												
	Subtotal Outreach		15612.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15612.41	0

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Spending Request Form

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
<input type="text" value="POSTER PRINTING (LARGE COLOR SIZE)"/>	<input type="text" value="\$ 250.00"/>
<input type="text" value="FLYERS"/>	<input type="text" value="300.00"/>
<input type="text" value="FRAMES"/>	<input type="text" value="100.00"/>
<input type="text" value="CERTIFICATES"/>	<input type="text" value="100.00"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved Budget Approved Board Approved

The San Fernando Valley has had a rich history as the pastoral and agricultural heart of Los Angeles. Although growth and urbanization has transformed the Valley into a melting pot of suburban Los Angeles, the trees that were planted by the early pioneers and ranchers remain to tell the story of the past.

The City of Los Angeles has taken significant steps to preserve this history, especially in Council District 12, as seen with the Historic Cultural Monument designation of the Lassen Street olive trees (HCM No.49) in Chatsworth and the “E.T.” deodar trees (HCM No. 41) along White Oak Avenue in Granada Hills. These trees and others across the City of Los Angeles help define the character and culture of their neighborhoods.

This is especially the case in West Hills, where the palm trees that line March Avenue between Ingomar and Justice Streets are cherished for their beauty and historic significance. Leading up to the original entrance to Rancho Sombra del Roble, the rural retreat of Union Oil Company geologist William W. Orcutt that is currently known as Orcutt Ranch Horticulture Center, these trees also have appeared in numerous movies television shows, including the 1976 film *Bad News Bears*.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council therefore asks Councilmember John Lee to submit a motion for the City Council to initiate consideration of the palm trees on March Avenue between Ingomar and Justice Streets as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures of Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Planning Department to prepare the Historic-Cultural Monument Application for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

CC:

Council District 12 (via email)

Office of Historic Resources, Department of City Planning (via email)

Cultural Heritage Commission (via email)

Community Forest Advisory Council (via email)



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PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION
TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

As a result of the economic tumult resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses have taken a beating. As the contours emerge of what the next phases of public health orders will look, many small business owners are struggling to imagine how their enterprises will survive. One industry that will surely struggle with continued physical distancing rules is the restaurant industry — and the City needs to consider how it can help the industry alive, businesses thriving, and workers employed.

Most restaurants, even popular spots in the LA food scene, survive on thin margins. If restaurants reopen for dine-in service under distancing rules that shave their seating capacity dramatically, they will not likely survive. The impact to Los Angeles economy would be extreme. Prior to the current crisis, the restaurant industry had faster job growth than any other sector of the city's economy, employing more than 125,000 people and increasing 3.3% per year. Restaurant workers are among the most economically vulnerable in the city, with an average annual income of barely \$22,000. The collapse of the restaurant industry would be catastrophic for the city's economy and ruinous for its workers. These effects would be particularly acute in communities of color, where hourly wage jobs provide a lifeline for immigrant families and minority-owned restaurants provide an important pathway to the middle class.

While many restaurants have quickly adapted to takeout and delivery-only business models, returning to profitability and full employment will depend on restoring dine-in service. However, until there is a vaccine, physical distancing requirements are likely to require restaurants to cut indoor dining room capacity by 50% or more—far below what is required for profitability. There is an urgent need for innovative ways to expand dining capacity or neighborhoods will lose beloved local institutions and Los Angeles will lose one of its defining cultural assets. Temporarily allowing restaurants to use some available space in the public right of way is a relatively simple and cost-effective way of boosting their capacity and helping them survive.

As other sectors of the economy continue to telecommute, lower traffic volumes are likely to persist even as the economy starts to recover. Furthermore, with lower occupancy, restaurants will need less parking for customers. The City should create opportunities to repurpose underutilized street space and parking lots to support the economic survival and recovery of the restaurant industry. Expanding outdoor dining will help restaurants return to profitability, restore staffing levels and incomes for workers, and provide customers with a healthier and safer dining environment consistent with public health guidelines.

The City's existing sidewalk dining program offers one model for allowing restaurant expansion into the public right-of-way, but few sidewalks are wide enough to meet requirements and

restaurants report that the permitting process is cumbersome and expensive. Other programs, such as LADOT's People Street, convert underutilized roadways into parklets and pedestrian plazas, but don't currently allow for table service. A new program is needed that combines the best attributes of these existing programs, but is also flexible and affordable for struggling restaurants with limited funds and unique space constraints. The City should act urgently to adapt these programs to meet the current needs of the restaurant industry and ensure that they are available in time for the resumption of dine-in service.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to report back with a streamlined and affordable program for permitting restaurants to provide dine-in service within the public right-of-way that can be launched as soon as allowed by public health rules.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of City Planning to report back with recommended actions to temporarily suspend parking requirements and other applicable codes to allow for the conversion of private parking lots to dining space at existing restaurants.

PRESENTED BY:



MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)
Councilmember, 7th District

File # :	CF-20-0617
Title :	Public Right-of-Way Dine-in Service / Streamlined and Affordable Permitting Program / Restaurants / Temporary Parking Requirements Suspension
Type :	Transportation
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	Restaurants in West Hills represent a vital aspect to our local economy and a CIS in support of the City helping to repurpose underutilized street space and parking lots in West Hills promotes our small businesses and works toward the economic survival and recovery of our highly valued locally owned and operated restaurants. The WHNC is an unwavering partner to local small businesses and our restaurants reflect a vital piece of West Hills culture that requires our sustained effort and attention.
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Motion :	<p>Support CF 20-0617 in that the City Council direct the Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to report back with a streamlined and affordable program for permitting restaurants to provide dine-in service within the public right-of-way that can be launched as soon as allowed by public health rules.</p> <p>WE FURTHER SUPPORT that the City Council direct the Department of City Planning to report back with recommended actions to temporarily suspend parking requirements and other applicable codes to allow for the conversion of private parking lots to dining space at existing restaurants.</p>
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	YES = YES on the Motion
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“NO” Vote:	NO = NO on the Motion
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MOTION

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

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

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

PRESENTED BY: 
MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Board Meeting Date September 3, 2020

File # :	CF-20-0147-S7
Title :	Coronavirus Outbreak / Covid-19 / Temporarily Suspend Enforcement/ Non-Metered Time Restrictions / Rush Hour Parking
Type :	Transportation
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	Or March 16, 2020, Mayor Garcetti announced relaxed parking enforcement as part of the City's response to COVID-19. From March to June 2020, the Los Angeles County unemployment rate has risen from 6.6% to 19.5% respectively. With thousands of Angelenos out of work and millions abiding by the "Safer-At-Home" order, which is still in effect, it is necessary to extend relaxed parking enforcement. Considering so many working reduced hours, a parking ticket cause a financial crisis for so many.
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Motion :	Support CF 20-0147-S7 (July 29 th , 2020) in that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to continue to temporarily suspend the enforcement of peak/rush hour and gridlock zone parking restrictions, relax posted non-metered time parking restrictions, and suspend the issuance of residential street sweeping parking citations until the "Safer-At-Home" order is lifted.
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EP Position :	
Vote :	

"YES" Vote: **YES = YES** on the Motion

"NO" Vote: **NO = NO** on the Motion

DRAFT OF LETTER TO CD 12 AND CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Dear _____:

One of the principal mandates of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) is to promote the wellbeing and safety of the community's stakeholders.

Ever since Valley Circle Boulevard opened up to connect the 101 Freeway and Chatsworth, residents along this stretch of road have endured loud and life-threatening exhibitions of speed almost on a nightly basis.

The problem also extends to Roscoe Boulevard, Vanowen Street and other east-west streets that intersect with Valley Circle, leading to many accidents and deaths over the years.

Stakeholders also have reported to the WHNC's Streets & Transportation Committee that drivers are altering the exhaust systems on their cars, trucks and motorcycles, intentionally generating sounds similar to explosions and gunfire. This has caused residents to be startled awake in the middle of the night and causing many to make 911 calls to the police.

The reckless driving, speeding and noise can be mitigated with increased patrolling and ticketing by law enforcement during the day and especially at night.

Therefore, the West Hills Neighborhood Council implores police and public officials to immediately address these pressing issues by stepping up traffic and vehicle code enforcement along Valley Circle Boulevard and adjoining streets. Failure to act now would put the safety and wellbeing of our stakeholders at unnecessary risk.

We also support efforts by other Neighborhood Councils to address these problems on a citywide basis.

Thank you for your prompt response to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Brin, President
Charlene Rothstein, Vice President
West Hills Neighborhood Council

From: NoHo NC President <nohopresident@gmail.com>

Date: August 13, 2020 at 1:00:59 AM PDT

To: undisclosed-recipients: ;

Subject: Vehicle Exhaust Noise

This was on our Agenda in 2017, but nothing has been done.

We received two letters from other neighborhood council's, but I think the problem is getting worse, and other communities are beginning to understand the increasing frustrationc

Some of these vehicles sound like machine guns and the LAPD are getting calls from stakeholders believing they are gunshots when the noise is actually coming from vehicles.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: To send a letter to our city representatives regarding excessive vehicle exhaust noise level which has created an atmosphere of intimidation, fright and serves as a mating call for street racing. The NoHo Neighborhood Council believes that increasing the fines associated with excessive and purposeful exhaust noise may limit the increasing problem in our neighborhoods and the City of Los Angeles. We will hope to partner with other Neighborhood Councils to ensure that our streets are safe from reckless drivers and unnecessary noise.

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Paul Storiale

NoHo Neighborhood Council

Board President

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NoHo NC Rep. to FilmLA

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