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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 4, 2021 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 February 4, 2021</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Controller’s Report</p> <p>Budget Report</p> <p>Comments From the Chair</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Co-Chairs: Mr. Dan Brin Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p> <p>Secretary: 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>Budget Co-Chairs: Mr. Bob Brostoff and Ms. Carolyn Greenwood</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>7:25 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 Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 LAUSD District 3</p> <p>Budget Advocates</p>	<p>7:35 P.M.</p>	<p>SLO McNamee; Acting SLO Carlson Mr. Eric Moody, District Director Ms. Atziri Camarena Ms. Tessa Charnofsky, District Director Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement & Data Specialist Ms. Patricia Bates, Region 3, Southwest Valley</p>

<p><u>Council Announcements</u></p> <p>Committee & Liaison Reports</p>	<p>7:50 P.M.</p>	<p>West Hills Neighborhood Council</p>
<p><u>Certificate of Appreciation</u></p> <p>Ms. Joellen Amman</p>	<p>8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Dan Brin, Co-Chair</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>20-0133 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS regarding City Council File 20-002-S154, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, U.S. asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the Flores Agreement which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities.</p> <p>21-0009 - Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 21-0002-S18 & S21 - City opposes SB9 (Atkins and SB10) (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0010 - Discussion and possible action on approval on parcel of land, 23133 Sherman Place, West Hills, to be added to an inventory list of possible locations, as requested by CD 12, to be used for housing and/or services (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0011 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose City Council File # 20-1376, which would allow the city to ban unhoused persons from certain locations. (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0013 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for CF 21-0002-S30 Fare-Free Transit/State and Local Agencies/Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery /Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278) (5 Minutes Max)</p>	<p>8:05 P.M.</p>	<p>Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair Zoning & Planning Committee Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair Zoning & Planning Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Tony Scearce, Chair Streets & Transportation Committee</p>

<p>21-0014 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for CF 20-1536, continuation of public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is under way (5 Minutes Max)</p>		<p>Mr. Tony Scearce, Chair Streets & Transportation Committee</p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>21-0015 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s January Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (3 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0016 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on CF 20-0002-S2122, encouraging the City of LA to ask the County of Los Angeles to eliminate sale and use of fireworks throughout the County of Los Angeles.(5 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0017 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 20-1376, Part B to approve Substitute Motion 42 which is an alternative from to 20-1376, which would allow the city to ban unhoused persons from certain locations. (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0018 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 21-0031, to develop alternate voluntary, service-based protocols for CARE+ (Cleaning And Rapid Engagement) services for unhoused persons citywide. (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0019 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 21-0032, which requests a report on the status and progress of Prop HHH spending. (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0020 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 21-0063, requesting a report on the underutilization of all city-owned properties and the feasibility of using them for temporary or permanent homeless housing. (10 Minutes Max)</p> <p>21-0021 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 21-0113, requesting a report on opportunities for renewing and expanding Project Roomkey. (10 Minutes Max)</p>	<p>8:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Budget Committee Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Booth, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee Ms. Olivia Naturman, Co-Chair Homelessness Committee</p>
<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>	<p>9:30 P.M.</p>	

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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

DRAFT BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Brian Begun, Sandi Bell, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Tariq El-Atrache, Carolyn Greenwood, Marie Javidani, Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Daniel Ostreicher, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Anthony Searce, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent (arrived 7:15), Brad Vanderhoof and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

ABSENT: Esperanza Butler and Alec Uzemeck

President 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 January 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood gave the Treasurer's Report and presented the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). The only items on the MER were normal ongoing expenses for Rackspace, The Web Corner and Apple One. There is an outstanding payment for Apple One. Dan Brin said the payment for Apple One was approved today.

21-0004 - Approval of the WHNC's December Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)

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

The MER is approved.

Controller's Report

Controller Saif Mogri reported the January spending. There were only three (3) invoices for standard recurring expenses (Rackspace, The Web Corner and Apple One). The Controller's Report matches the City Clerk's Funding Dashboard website. Daniel Ostreicher asked if payments could be made for an entire year to save cost. Bob Brostoff answered no. Carolyn said vendors, especially Rackspace, will not deviate from automatic credit card billing.

Budget Report

Bob Brostoff gave the Budget Report. He said many of the WHNC budget allocations have not been touched due to the inability to spend funds on the planned projects during the pandemic. Expenditures in January totaled \$212.40.

Chair Comments

President Dan Brin said COVID-19 vaccine availability is increasing. He reviewed the Code of Civility and read excerpts from the code. Dan said the entire Board is saddened by the loss of Board member Marge Brown. He described her, at age 96, as being “full of wit and kindness of heart.” He said Marge never wavered from seeking justice and siding with the underdog.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Marge Brown.

Tariq El-Atrache took the Neighborhood Council Pledge.

Dan Brin said that per the WHNC Bylaws it is too close to the election to fill the vacant seat by council appointment.

Public Comment

The following individuals strongly criticized Board Member Steve Randall, alleging uncivil and improper behavior toward stakeholders: Android User (identified as Emily Rose), Jamie Penn (WKNC), Marcia Stafford, Maya M., Jessica J., Ricci, Eric S., Pilar Sciavo, Brenda Smith, People’s City Council LA and Peter Clune. Several of them called for Mr. Randall’s resignation, censure or removal from office.

Roy Bernard said the proposed rezoning of the Platt Village shopping center to C4 would allow high-rise buildings and businesses like auto repair on the site. He said C2 is the proper zoning for the property. Char Rothstein said the item is on the Zoning and Planning Committee agenda.

Siobhan Walden said in this country people are innocent until proven guilty and if the accusations concerning Steve Randall are based on misinformation the situation will be resolved.

Ricci complained WHNC Board members are violating the Brown Act by responding and making comments during public comment.

Christine Rowe said she attended a Woodland Hills- Warner Center NC meeting where the Judge Carter homelessness ruling was discussed. She understands the need to keep individuals experiencing homelessness from camping near freeways because of unhealthy air quality and blocking sidewalks so children cannot get to school. She said we need to find housing and shelter for those affected.

Reeyan Raynes advised the WHNC watch and monitor the proposed development on unincorporated land near El Escorpiòn Park.

Kent said he feels the barrage of attacks against Steve Randall is unfair.

Bethany voiced concern that Olivia Naturman did not recuse herself when her daughter ran for a vacant seat on the Board. She asked for Ms. Naturman to recuse her position on the board saying she cannot be trusted as a representative on the Board due to her duplicity.

Lisa Smith identified herself as a schoolteacher and mother and said some of her students in Zoom classes act better than Board members are during this meeting. She said Myrl Schreiber made a throat cutting gesture with finger on camera.

Announcements

Eric Moody, District Director of CD 12, said CD12 is continuing to work in the community despite the extension of the stay-at-home order. CD12's Angel Fund for small businesses is still operating. The phone number for vaccine information is (833) 540-0473. The Los Angeles County Department of Health is overseeing the vaccine distribution as the City of Los Angeles does not have a health department. Council Member John Lee chairs the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee, is Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee and is a member of the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and the Travel and Tourism Committee. CD12 is trying to keep the horse ranch and stables in Chatsworth open. The Animal Services manager submitted a revised proposal for the West Valley Animal Shelter which is substantially the same as the previous proposal and not what the neighborhood wants. Council Member Lee is opposed to the plan and will fight to reopen the shelter as a municipal facility.

Semie Park from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) said NCs should try to stay within the allotted time for public comment and can make reasonable restrictions in order to stay on schedule and end meetings at the time stated in the agenda. Ms. Park said actions by Board members outside of NC business functions are not within the jurisdiction of the NC. Ms. Park asked the WHNC to agendaize for action the appointment of a representative to the DONE grievance panel at the next Board meeting.

Blake Clayton, Field Deputy for L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Third District, said the Jan. 29 health order sets the following requirements: museums limited to 50% capacity, outdoor fitness centers limited to 50% capacity, gatherings limited to 15 persons, outdoor dining limited to family members, grocery stores limited to 35% capacity. L.A. County, with 10 million residents (1.6 million seniors), has received 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Patricia Bates, Budget Advocates, Region 3, said the Budget Advocates have an upcoming Town Hall with District 14 Council Member Kevin de León confirmed to speak.

Council Announcements

Special Events – Tariq El-Atrache said there will be a special meeting Friday to determine the budget for the senior bingo event. CD12 will cosponsor the event.

Certificate of Appreciation

Aida Abkarians described the work Kimberly Holman-Maiden has been doing through the Maiden Community she founded to help save small businesses. District Director Eric Moody presented Ms. Holman-Maiden with a Certificate of Appreciation from CD 12. President Dan Brin presented Ms. Holman-Maiden a Certificate of Appreciation from the WHNC.

New Business

21-0005 -- Budget Request in the amount of \$250 for payment to Iris Perez for painting 2 utility boxes; Budget Line item 20: Anthony Scarce explained the artist, Iris Perez, submitted an invoice for a project for which the Board had approved an expenditure of \$250 per utility box for paint and supplies. Ms. Perez believed she would receive a stipend for her work. The other artist who presented at the same time for another box understood there would be no compensation other than in-kind remuneration in the form of extra paint and supplies. The projects are completed. Olivia admitted the application on the WHNC website is a little unclear as a possibility of a stipend is mentioned. Mr. Scarce described the approval process for the first two projects and said in the future there will be a written contract including a release of artwork. The City Clerk's office is working on contract language.

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 2, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The Budget Request is approved.

21-0006 -- Budget Request in the amount of \$100.00 for 33 certificate frames. Budget; Line Item 1:

Yes – 22, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The Budget Request is approved.

21-0007 -- Revised Budget Request in the amount of \$7,175.65 for 2021 Board Elections; Budget Line Items 10 and 39: Bob Brostoff gave some detail on the proposed election spending; 17,000 election brochures on glossy paper, in full color, with candidate photos and statements, and voting information. The brochures will be delivered by the United States Postal Service via door-to-door bulk mail to every residential and commercial address in West Hills with the exception of Hidden Lake and the Fallbrook Mall. Myrl Schreibman emphasized the need for the brochure to have an eye-catching design so it will not be ignored and discarded. Dan Brin said he will do the design as he is a professional graphic artist. Mr. Brostoff said the spending includes four bus bench advertisements and the exact locations are not yet determined. A list of available locations will be available in March. Marie Javdani asked when the Election Committee met as she wanted to attend. Mr. Brin responded the Election Committee is a temporary committee and attendance is limited by Brown Act restrictions. Joan Trent said in the past her photo and bio were on separate pages and asked that the design this year not have a similar situation. Anthony Scarce said the Communications Committee does not have the funds available to support the request because \$1,000 has been approved for a photo contest. Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood said because of the pandemic the Board has \$32,000 available and money to fund the project will not be a problem.

Bob Brostoff moved to remove the reference to Line Items 10 and 39 from the request and replace with the City Clerk category “Outreach.” Char Rothstein seconded. Carolyn Greenwood explained the budget line items are internal to the WHNC and the City Clerk only recognizes the category “Outreach” which includes most budget line items.

Vote on the amendment to the agenda motion;

Yes – 20, No – 2, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The Budget Request is approved.

Pilar Sciavo said the Board should look at needs within the community for the \$32,000 remaining in the budget. She suggested food pantries, and hand sanitizer and masks for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Christine Rowe said we are in emergency times and recommended monthly donations to food pantries.

Susan Bernard said she is not aware of local charities and would like a list.

Joanne Yvanek-Garb, WHNC said the City demands NCs spend a significant amount of funds on elections and \$7,500 to 10,000 is the recommended amount.

Olivia Naturman, WHNC, said the Homelessness Committee is willing to distribute materials to individuals experiencing homelessness who do not have an address. She recommended the West Valley Neighborhood Council Alliance on Homelessness as a resource for organizations accepting donations.

Saif Mogri, WHNC recommended the West Valley Food Pantry for donations.

Pat, Silverlake NC said they organize a grocery drive and asked the WHNC to consider a similar activity.

Bob Brostoff left the meeting before the vote.

Vote on the amended agenda motion;

Yes – 14, No – 6, Abstain – 1, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The Budget Request is approved.

21-0008 -- LAUSD proposal for the Highlander Road school site and a letter approved by Zoning & Planning on January 25, 2021: Faye Barta welcomed residents of the Highlander road community to the meeting. She said on Dec. 2, 2021 the LAUSD held a meeting where 10 former school sites were presented as possible locations for teacher and staff housing. Three of these projects have been completed and none are in the West Valley. The existing projects have seen a 10-30% drop in occupancy due to employee turnover. There are three proposed locations in the West Valley; Oso Elementary and Collins Elementary in Woodland Hills, and Highlander Road Elementary in West Hills.

Daniel Ostreicher, WHNC agrees with the concept but is opposed to the hostile tone of the letter presented.

Marie Javdani, WHNC does not think the letter should be sent in its present form as there are too many unknowns like the type of project that would be built. She said the WHNC has not considered the benefits to the community and does not know the actual community sentiment as the data collected came from a private group meeting that was not publically advertised and may not be representative of all stakeholders.

Bill Rose, WHNC said he has not met any neighbors who are not opposed to the proposal.

Olivia Naturman, WHNC said more meetings are promised and the letter seems to take a singular position that sounds like the entire council agrees on a final position.

Anthony Scarce, WHNC said the homeowners meeting maxed out at 100 and many interested parties could not attend. He said both sides have not been heard. He feels a town hall meeting should be held before the letter is sent.

Char Rothstein, WHNC said she feels the letter calls out the LAUSD to demand more discussion.

Joanne Yvanek-Garb, WHNC said she does not know if there are 150 teachers and staff in the area who could be housed in the proposed project.

Faye Barta, WHNC said neighborhood councils deal with local issues all the time, and for most projects community notification is limited to residents within 500 feet of the site.

Steve Randall, WHNC said he attended the meeting and only one person spoke in favor of the project.

Susan Bernard said the letter is a compilation of facts from the previous proposal to build a high school on the site. She says the housing will become a low-cost housing development as residents who leave LAUSD employment cannot be evicted.

Pilar Schiavo said L.A. County is looking at one-half million evictions in the next two years and every neighborhood, including West Hills, needs to step up with low-income housing.

Jessica S. said LAUSD is in the bottom 50% nationwide. Low-cost housing is necessary for teachers. School police should be defunded to provide more educational funding.

Mark Depping said he is in favor of submitting a harsh letter to get attention. He is not in favor of a four or five story building within 100 feet of his house.

Kathryn Stewart said a preschool, elementary school or cultural center on the site would be fine and supports the letter.

Iska Morales stated the last meeting was full and only one other couple was in favor of the housing proposal. She says the neighborhood is changing with older residents moving out and young families with children moving in. There will be a need for more schools. She said the views of stakeholders who live nearby should carry more weight than others.

Gordon Morris said LAUSD has no business being involved in housing.

Taley Hartford said this is an issue to all people since it is public land. She lives across the street from the site and feels the letter rhetoric is threatening and discriminatory.

Kent said he moved to the neighborhood in 1991 because he thought it would be really safe. The Board should represent the neighbors and be strong on this issue. The proposed letter is not strong enough.

Christine Rowe reported Scott Schmerelson said in a public meeting that school expansion by adding a second story to Hamlin and Welby Way elementary schools is preferred by LAUSD because it is cheaper than building new construction on the vacant school sites.

Maria said everyone affected should have a voice even if they do not live close. There should not be a vote on this until the issue has been widely publicized.

Lisa Smith said America has systematically treated teachers horribly and thinks a town hall is a good idea.

Anita said she lives close the site and does not want a three or more story development. She supports a senior center at the location.

Reeyan Raynes said the West Valley is growing and projections show there will be a need for more educational facilities. He said there are other creative options for mixed-use development with lower housing density. He used the Dennis Zine Community Center in Canoga Park as an example.

Jude Peisner said she believes housing will benefit all members of the community and more canvassing is needed to accurately gauge public opinion.

Kara Schertz said the proposal does not make sense for this site.

Marci Stafford said this affects all stakeholders and the community as a whole. We want people who work low paying jobs we need in the neighborhood to live in the neighborhood.

Bunny Field said that at the Dec. 2 meeting LAUSD presented a housing initiative limiting eligibility to those making less than 60% of the median income in the neighborhood. The district has built housing in other places and they are significantly under-occupied.

Wendi said many more people than those who attended the meeting are opposed.

Brenda Smith said median income in West Hills is \$119,000 and the LAUSD starting salary for teachers is \$53,000. Teaching positions are hard to fill and subsidized housing is a way to attract better teachers.

Alex said housing is simply another way for LAUSD to misuse funds.

Dan Brin announced he would allow three more public comments and then move on with the agenda.

Amber Kraus said he likes to see the neighborhood grow and change and that is why she lives in a big city.

Pat is offended the bare minimum is being done in terms of outreach.

Glenn Bailey suggested updating the WHNC web page concerning the proposed Highlander project. He said in the community plan the property is designated as a public facility and amending the community plan is an extensive process requiring extensive community input. He said LAUSD could sell the land to a developer who could then build housing consistent with the community plan.

Dan Brin called an end to public comment due to time constraints.

Marie Javdani moved to amend the language of the letter and read the amended language.

The mission of the WHNC is to encourage the involvement of all stakeholders in issues regarding our neighborhood. The LAUSD Board of Education report dated December 8, 2020 requests authorization for an Employee Housing Initiative to explore the use of, among others, the site of the former Highlander Elementary School to develop affordable housing for its teachers and staff.

The prospect of helping to meet the growing need of a significant proportion of our neighborhood's workforce is accompanied by the concerns of local residents about the possible negative effects. These include a worsening of an already hazardous traffic and road safety problem, the nature of the project design, and suitability of some types of housing for the immediate community.

The many unknowns of the prospective Initiative has many stakeholders feeling justifiably uneasy. Thus, the WHNC invites Councilmember Lee, Board Member Scott Schmerlson, and Superintendent Austin Beutner to a special meeting of the Neighborhood Council to address stakeholders' concerns and questions on the many issues involved in the Employee Housing Initiative.

As you know, the support of local residents and other stakeholders is key to the success of any development project. The first step in gaining ours is to maintain transparency and ensure the involvement of our stakeholders. Please consider your acceptance of this invitation as a signal of your intention to do so.

Thomas Booth seconded.

Chair Dan Brin rejected the amendment saying it was a too extensive a rewrite of the original to be considered as agenda item 21-0008 and is a new letter that would need to be included in the agenda packet.

Daniel Ostreicher moved to table the agenda item. Thomas Booth seconded.

Anthony Scarce reiterated his call for a town hall meeting.

Vote on tabling the agenda motion:

Yes – 10, No – 10, Abstain – 01 Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The amendment fails to pass.

Vote on approving the letter as written and presented as agenda item 21-0008;

Yes – 14, No – 6, Abstain – 1, Absent – 3, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The letter is approved.

Danniel Ostreicher asked that the vote sheet be included with the letter. Dan Brin said that is a matter of public record. There was agreement by consensus to include the roll call vote at the bottom of the letter.

21-0012 -- Letter to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl regarding LAUSD schools becoming vaccination sites:

Camilo J. spoke off topic and would not return to the topic after repeated requests from the Co-chair Char Rothstein.

Amber Kraus said she felt the meeting was a disaster because of the limits put on public comment.

Many members of the public and Board members started speaking at the same time trying to talk over each other and trading derogatory remarks. Sensing order could not be restored in a reasonable time. President Dan Brin called for an end to discussion and the meeting.

21-0009 -- Council File 21-0002-S18 & S21 - City opposes SB9 (Atkins and SB10): **Item tabled to March.**

21-0010 -- Approval on parcel of land, 23133 Sherman Place, West Hills, to be added to an inventory list of possible locations, as requested by CD 12, to be used for housing and/or service: **Item tabled to March.**

21-0011 -- Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose City Council File # 20-1376, which would allow the city to ban unhoused persons from certain locations: **Item tabled to March.**

21-0013 -- CIS for CF 21-0002-S30 Fare-Free Transit/State and Local Agencies/Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery /Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278): **Item tabled to March.**

21-0014 -- CIS for CF 20-1536, continuation of public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is under way: **Item tabled to March.**

President Dan Brin adjourned the meeting at 11:02 PM.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM and will be held electronically.

Agenda Item 20-0133 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS regarding City Council File 20-002-S154, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, U.S. asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the Flores Agreement which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities.

COUNCIL FILE 20-0002-S154

Prohibition of Separation of
Children From Parents by the United
States Immigration and Customs
Enforcement Agency

And Efficiency Act

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

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, on October 20, 2020, a Joint Status Report filed with the United States District Court of the Southern District of California, revealed that 545 children who were separated from their families under the Trump Administration “Zero Tolerance Policy,” have not been reunited with their families; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), over 5,400 children, including those under five, toddlers, and babies, were separated from their parents pursuant to the Zero Tolerance Policy; and

WHEREAS, the decision to separate children from their families is cruel, traumatic, inhumane and disgraceful but consistent with the actions of the Trump Administration, which seem fixated on maximizing harm to immigrants in any way possible; and

WHEREAS, the ACLU reports that the sole purpose of the child separation policy was to discourage immigration to the U.S. and no tracking or monitoring mechanisms were established for the eventual reunification of these children with their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Trump Administration went to court to argue that migrant children detained at the U.S.-Mexico border do not require basic hygiene products like soap and toothbrushes in order to be held in “safe and sanitary” conditions, and that requiring minors to sleep on cold concrete floors in crowded cells with low temperatures was also considered “safe and sanitary,” and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration’s action are in direct violation of the Flores Agreement and other federal immigration laws that specifically provide guidelines with respect to the arrest, detention, treatment, and transfer of children detained by federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, most separated children did not receive due process and, many as young as three years old, were ordered into court for their own deportation proceedings without counsel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles strongly denounces the actions by the Trump Administration, including the child separation practice, the Zero Tolerance Policy, and other actions that have inhumanely targeted undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the City calls upon every member of the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and the Office of the President to enact legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means;

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 the 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, U.S. asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the *Flores Agreement* which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities.

PRESENTED BY

MITCH O’FARRELL (verbal)
Councilmember, 13th District

GIL CEDILLO (verbal)
Councilmember, 1st District

NURY MARTINEZ (verbal)
Councilwoman, 6th District

MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)
Councilwoman, 7th District

KEVIN DE LEÓN (verbal)
Councilmember, 14th District

HERB J. WESSON, JR. (verbal)
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY

CURREN D. PRICE (verbal)
Councilmember, 9th District

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File # :	20-0002-S154
Title	Resolution to Support the Rights of Immigrant Families to keep ICE from Separating Their Children
Type :	Resolution
City/State :	Los Angeles, CA

Summary :	<p>This Resolution seeks to support legislation to ensure that under NO circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the US through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, US asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the Flores Agreement, which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities. The Trump Administration is solely responsible for the separation of over 5,400 children, including those under 5, toddlers and babies, from their families under the Trump Administration’s “Zero Tolerance Policy”. The Trump Administration’s separation’s sole purpose was to discourage immigration to the US and, most unfortunately, no tracking or monitoring mechanisms were established for the eventual reunification of these children with their families. A Joint Status Report filed with the US District Court of the Southern District of California on October 20, 2020, revealed that 545 (now over 655) children have still not been reunited with their families. The Trump Administration’s decision to separate children from their families is cruel, traumatic, inhumane, disgraceful and disgusting, but consistent with the evil and unforgivable actions of the Trump Administration, which was and still is fixated on maximizing harm to immigrants in any way possible. These children were kept as prisoners in crowded cells, were required to sleep on cold concrete floors and left without proper clothing, bedding, and no basic hygiene products like soap and toothbrushes. Trump Administration’s failure to hold these children in safe and sanitary conditions is not only illegal but also immoral and inhuman. The Trump Administration’s treatment of these children is equaled only by Hitler’s and the Nazis’s treatment of Jews and others during the late 1930’s and early 1940’s.</p>
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Type :	Resolution

GR Position :	Support for the City’s position to enact legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their families as they seek to enter the US through asylum or any other means, should be included in the City of Los Angeles’s 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program.
Vote :	8-0 in favor 3-0 community vote in favor

“YES” Vote:	Means our support for the City’s position to enact legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their families as they seek to enter the US through asylum or any other means, and should be included in the City of Los Angeles’s 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program.
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“NO” Vote:	Means we do not support the City’s position to enact legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their families as they seek to enter the US through asylum or any other means, and should not be included in the City of Los Angeles’s 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program.
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ITEM #
21-0009

RESOLUTION

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, pending before the State legislature is SB 9 (Atkins) introduced on December 7, 2020, which if enacted into law would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial ('by right') approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot in to two equal parts ('lot split'), for residential use; and

WHEREAS, enactment into law of SB 9 would eliminate public hearings by the Planning Department and public notice, inasmuch as the proposed projects would only require administrative review, and proposes to provide ministerial approval of a parcel map (four or less parcels) for a lot split, and thereby amend sections of the Subdivision Map Act by extending from 12 to 24 months the additional time period of an approved or conditionally approved Tentative Map; and

WHEREAS, SB 9 would exempt these projects from environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by establishing a ministerial review process, without discretionary review or a public hearing, thereby undermining community participation and vetting by local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, SB 9 further stipulates that a city or county cannot require a duplex project to comply with any standard that would prevent two units from being built, and would prohibit a local agency from imposing regulations that require dedications of rights-of way or the construction of offsite and onsite improvements for parcels created through a lot split; and

WHEREAS, enactment into law of SB 9 would undermine the Subdivision Map Act, which vests the authority to regulate and control the design and improvement of subdivisions by the legislative body of a local agency and sets forth procedures governing the local agency's processing, approval, conditional approval or disapproval, and filing of tentative, final (five or more parcels), and parcel maps (four or less parcels), and the modification of those maps;

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 2021-2022 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 9 (Atkins), which if enacted into law would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial ('by right') approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot into two equal parts ('lot split'), for residential use; and exempts environmental review; and would approve these projects without discretionary review, or a public hearing; thereby undermining local land use control and the concept of 'Home Rule' by the imposition of State legislation on local government agencies, including charter cities.

PRESENTED BY: _____



PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY: _____

PAUL KREKORIAN (verbal)
Councilmember, 2nd District

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ITEM #
21-0009

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: January 25, 2021
TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
FROM: Sharon M. Tso *Avak Keotakian - rg For*
Chief Legislative Analyst Council File No. 21-0002-S21
Assignment No. 21-01-0042
SUBJECT: Resolution (Koretz -Krekorian) to OPPOSE SB 10 (Wiener)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Koretz-Krekorian) to include in the City's 2021-2022 State Legislative Program, OPPOSITION to SB 10 (Wiener), which would allow construction of multi-family residential buildings within one-half mile of major transit stops without affordable housing requirements, thereby undermining local land use control and the concept of 'Home Rule' by the imposition of State legislation on local government agencies, including charter cities.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Koretz -Krekorian), introduced December 7, 2020, indicates that SB 10 (Wiener) would require that cities allow midrise, medium-density housing on sites that are either within one-half mile of public transportation or within a jobs rich neighborhood close to job centers, without affordable housing requirements or sensitivity to the character of existing neighborhoods.

Jan. 9, 2021
Meeting with LA City Councilman
Paul Koretz: (notes)
SB 9 would kill single family zoning
allow speculators jam 4 to 8 costly
rental homes where 1 home stands
leaving 4-foot setbacks, no yards,
no garages. (2 units, 2 ADU's ^{1/2},
2 JDU'S per
lot)

Motion to support Koretz resolution
zoning ^{1/2}; Planning - Jan 25, 2021
Passed by unanimous vote



Woodlake Ave

Woodlake Ave

Sherman Pl

Sherman Pl

Agenda Item 21-0011 -Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose City Council File # 20-1376, which would allow the city to ban unhoused persons from certain locations.

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles continues to experience a homelessness crisis. While the city has made progress in addressing homelessness, much work remains. A lawsuit has been filed against the City and County entitled *LA Alliance v. City and County of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. LA cv-20-02291-DOC-KES, pending in the Federal District Court, Central District of California. The lawsuit alleges that the City has not responded quickly enough to shelter individuals experiencing homelessness, which has led to unhealthy conditions on City streets, and the obstruction of free passage on sidewalks. The City understands the urgency to implement solutions today instead of tomorrow.

In response to the *LA Alliance* lawsuit, the City has included in its Homelessness Roadmap plan innovative approaches to shelters including the construction of pallet shelters, acquisition of hotels/motels for Project HomeKey, and expansion of safe parking. These approaches will decrease the cost of shelters and the construction time to increase the number of available beds and other safe shelter locations. As the City expedites its efforts to create new housing and shelter for its homeless residents, it must also ensure that the public right of way serves its purpose as a shared public space that is accessible for all, including residents protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

New shelter locations will provide individuals experiencing homelessness alternatives to residing on the street. The City will be more successful in siting these new shelters if existing neighbors have assurances that the shelters will improve the health and safety of conditions on the adjacent sidewalks. Residents of the newly opened shelters will have greater chance of success if they experience a sense of physical separation from the circumstances of unsheltered life.

Although no City street is an appropriate place for human habitation, the Federal Judge overseeing the *LA Alliance* case has prioritized the relocation of homeless persons living unsheltered or in tents or makeshift shelters adjacent to freeways near underpasses, overpasses, and ramps, citing concerns over exhaust fumes and collisions between homeless individuals and vehicles. Certain underpasses, overpasses, and pedestrian subways constitute critical infrastructure because they provide access across freeways to schools and other essential locations, which can be otherwise impassable for more than a mile.

Underpasses can be dark, have narrow sidewalks, and heavy traffic congestion. While driving around underpasses, overpasses, and ramps, drivers often travel at high speeds while distracted looking for freeway entrances, reacting to directions from GPS devices, etc. This makes a homeless individual crossing from one side of the underpass to another, or a pedestrian detouring into the street to avoid physical obstacles on the sidewalk, particularly unsafe. In addition, there are no safe street crossings near freeway onramps and off-ramps.

Last year, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a case entitled *Martin v. City of Boise*, 920 F.3d 584 (9th Cir. 2019), held that no jurisdiction in the Ninth Circuit may criminalize the act of lodging in public unless it has sufficient beds for its homeless population or offers shelter to a specific individual before commencing enforcement against that person. The *Boise* decision, however, acknowledged that a City may continue to prohibit sitting, lying, or sleeping in public spaces at particular times or in particular locations even before a City is able to shelter all of its residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney draft an ordinance that repeals the current version of Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 and replaces it with an ordinance consistent with the current practice by the City in enforcing 41.18, including the Ninth Circuit decision in *Boise v. City of Martin*.

I FURTHER MOVE that the replacement for Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 allow the City Council, by Resolution and after the postage of signage, to ban sitting, sleeping, or lying within up to 500 feet of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway where lodging unsheltered or in tents or makeshift shelters is unhealthful or incompatible with the critical route provided by the infrastructure;

I FURTHER MOVE that the replacement for Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 ban sitting, sleeping or otherwise obstructing the public right of way in a manner that restricts passage as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act;

I FURTHER MOVE that the replacement for Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 allow the City Council, by Resolution and after the postage of signage, to ban sitting, sleeping, or lying within up to 500 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018, to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking or storage to homeless persons;

I FUTHER MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.11 to align it to the new version of Section 41.18 by banning the storage of personal property in any area where sitting, lying, and sleeping is banned by 41.18, and to suspend the Bulky Item provisions (Subsection 56.11.3(i) and 56.11.10(d)) pending the outcome of the appeal in of *Garcia v. City of Los Angeles*, Federal District Court, Central District of California case number 2:19-cv-06182-DSF-PLA.

PRESENTED BY: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

PRESENTED BY: _____
MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)
Councilmember, 7th District

PRESENTED BY: _____
JOE BUSCAINO (verbal)
Councilmember, 15th District

PRESENTED BY: _____
PAUL KREKORIAN (verbal)
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: _____
CURREN PRICE (verbal)
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: _____
GILBERT CEDILLO (verbal)
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: _____
JOHN S. LEE (verbal)
Councilmember, 12th District

- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [20-1376](#)

Title: LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles / Martin v City of Boise / Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Position: Oppose

Homelessness Committee vote results on January 11, 2021; YES – 6, NO - 0

Summary:

West Hills Neighborhood Council strongly opposes this callous and counterproductive attempt to displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. As the homelessness crisis continues to worsen, exacerbated by a deadly pandemic, the City Council should be putting forward real solutions. Instead, this motion will only make matters worse, accomplishing nothing more than forcibly moving unhoused Angelenos from one part of the city to another, disrupting their lives and increasing their interactions with law enforcement and the criminal legal system.

The ordinance proposed by this motion would make illegal the basic activities of unhoused people's daily lives across broad swaths of our city, despite the fact that there are not enough available shelter beds for them. This would not only be inhumane, it would also open up the City to further litigation, which our taxpayer funds will be spent defending.

Displacing unhoused people would disrupt their relationships with outreach workers and could result in the loss of valued property and documents like IDs that are often needed to obtain assistance. Furthermore, the citations, arrests, and fees that would result from the proposed ordinance would create additional impediments to obtaining employment and housing.

To make matters worse, the City would be taking these counterproductive measures in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, endangering the lives of unhoused and housed Angelenos alike by forcing thousands of unhoused people into smaller areas or into jails, in the face of CDC guidance, and increasing the virus' potential spread.

We understand the desire for clean streets and unobstructed sidewalks. But this is not the way to get there.

Improve service delivery. Increase the number of shelter beds. Invest in affordable and supportive housing. Do not waste time and resources on this short-sighted motion. Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion offers an alternative path—one that is more just, humane, and productive. We urge you to adopt it instead and take a step toward actually solving this crisis.

Agenda Item 21-0013 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for CF 21-0002-S30 Fare-Free Transit/State and Local Agencies/Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery /Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278)

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

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 provision of reliable and affordable public transportation supports everyone - transit riders who have access to economic opportunity, single-occupant vehicular drivers who enjoy less road congestion, and all people who have cleaner air to breathe; and

WHEREAS, public transportation in the United States has historically been neglected, leading to the social, educational, and economic isolation of low-income and minority communities, as well many who are living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded this situation by necessitating service cuts and reduced service resulting from a severe decline in ridership and steep financial shortfalls for jurisdictions that rely on fare revenue to support their operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, to ensure an equitable post-pandemic recovery, steps must be taken by the Federal Government to allocate sufficient funding to support and sustain transit agencies and ensure that every person has access to affordable and reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, the Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278) was introduced to help states and localities provide fare-free rides, improve safety and quality of transportation, and address transit equity gaps; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that, in the new legislative session, the Federal Government take actions identified in the Freedom to Move Act to promote desperately-needed public transportation as a public good and provide fare-free public transit systems;

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 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit.

PRESENTED BY: 
MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Committee Meeting Date: 1/19/2021

Board Meeting Date 2/4/2021

File # :	21-0002-S30
Title :	Fare-Free Transit / State and Local Agencies / Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery / Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278)
Type :	City's 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program
City/State :	City of Los Angeles

Summary :	Resolution relative to including in the City's 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program, its position on legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit.
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Motion :	Attached S.4278 - Freedom to Move Act H.R.7389 - Freedom to Move Act
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EP Position :	Motion to support the City's position through the Legislative process of the House of Representatives
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means supporting the City's position to support H.R. 7389/S. 4278
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“NO” Vote:	Means that we do not support the City's support of H.R. 7389/S. 4278
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Agenda Item 21-0014 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for CF 20-1536, continuation of public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is under way

**PUBLIC WORKS AND
GANG REDUCTION**

MOTION

The City's current Coordinated Street Furniture Program expires at the end of 2021. Since 2018, the City Council, led by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, held numerous hearings and policy discussions on the topic and on November 26, 2019, authorized StreetsLA to undertake a competitive process and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a successor program, the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) (C.F. 00-1073-S1). Under this authority, the release of an RFP to solicit proposals for STAP is being considered by the Board of Public Works on November 24, 2020.

The expansion and enhancement of facilities that support public transit riders, improve bus stops, and offer wayfinding for visitors and residents alike are among the opportunities presented by the modernization of the street furniture program. The integration of digital elements into this program offers many opportunities for convenience, revenue, emergency and public service messaging, and local benefits; but it also raises the specters of potential privacy infringement, intrusively illuminated signage, and overall aesthetic diminishment. Last week, we heard similar questions and concerns from a number of community members.

These and other outstanding issues of significance require policy guidance from the City Council and, as was the expectation when the City Council last acted on this matter, must be addressed to shape the final design of the STAP and to assure the public that adequate controls are in place to protect neighborhoods and the City's interests. The deliberation and decision making on these issues must be made in a transparent fashion and be resolved before any award to operate the STAP is approved.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:

- Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways;
- A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities;
- How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement;
- Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and
- Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.

PRESENTED BY:

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

MIKE BONIN (verbal)
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON (verbal)
Councilmember, 8th District

File # :	CF-20-01536
Title :	Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) / Public Engagement / Request for Proposals
Type :	Public Works/Transportation
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	The West Hills Neighborhood Council board SUPPORTS the motion that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) request for proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP and report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals.
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Motion :	<p>Support CF 20-1536 in that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways; • A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities; • How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement; • Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and • Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.
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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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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: January 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$32106.06	\$2247.30	\$29858.76	\$2374.05	\$250.00	\$27234.71

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$31042.91	\$2247.30	\$19261.55	\$2374.05	\$16887.50
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: \$250.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$9534.06	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	01/22/2021	WHNC email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$62.40
2	THE WEB CORNER, INC	01/01/2021	Email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
3	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	01/08/2021	Executive Director services	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$2034.90
Subtotal:						\$2247.30

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	02/04/2021	Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
2	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	02/16/2021	Executive Director Services	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1017.45
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$2374.05

**West Hills Neighborhood Council Controller's Report
December 31, 2020**

Vendor/Payee	Budget Status Line Item	Balance (Pre/Post)	Committee Agenda	Committee Approval	Budget Agenda	Budget Approval	Budget Request Form NPG Request	Board Agenda	Board Approval	Transaction Date / Processed by City	Amount Paid	Notes/Invoice No.
The Web Corner	7	\$1,800/\$1,650	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/1/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website
Rack Space	8	\$830.54/\$765.74	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/21/2020	\$64.80	Email Server
The Web Corner	7	\$1,650/\$1,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/1/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website
Rack Space	8	\$765.74/\$703.34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/21/2020	\$62.40	Email Server
The Web Corner	7	\$1,500/\$1,350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9/1/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website
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Go Daddy	11	\$21.17/\$0.0								9/23/2020	\$21.17	WHNC Domain
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Apple One	10	\$12,567/\$11,210.40								10/8/2020	\$1,356.60	Executive Assistant/S8409513
The Web Corner	7	\$1,350/\$1,200								10/4/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21015
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Rack Space	8	\$592.94/\$527.85								11/24/2020	\$65.09	Email Server/8353594
Apple One	10	\$11,210.40/\$9,853.80								11/4/2020	\$1,356.60	Executive Assistant/S8434339
The Web Corner	7	\$1,200/\$1050								11/3/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21171
Rack Space	8	\$527.85/\$463.65								12/23/2020	\$62.40	Email Server/8429479
The Web Corner	7	\$1050/\$900								12/4/2020	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21302
Apple One	10	\$9,853.80/\$7,818.90								1/28/2021	\$2,034.90	Executive Assistant/S8497030
The Web Corner	7	\$900/\$750								1/1/2021	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21461
Rack Space	8	\$463.65/\$401.25								1/24/2021	\$62.40	Email Server/8505456
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The Web Corner	7	\$750/\$600								2/9/2021	\$150.00	Monthly Website/21619
Apple One	10	\$7,818.90/\$6462.30								2/4/2021	\$1,356.60	Executive Assistant/S8471011
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Iris Peretz	20	\$1,224.65/\$974.65	Streets and Transportation						2/1/2021	2/19/2021	\$250.00	Invoice No. 882/Utility Box Painting
											\$14,617.81	

Agenda Item 21-0016 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on CF 20-0002-S2122, encouraging the City of LA to ask the County of Los Angeles to eliminate sale and use of fireworks throughout the County of Los Angeles.

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

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 storage, sale and use of consumer fireworks is illegal within the City of Los Angeles, while the storage, sale and use of consumer fireworks is not illegal in certain other jurisdictions within the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, consequently, large quantities of legally and illegally obtained fireworks find their way into the possession of City residents who proceed to use them illegally before, on, and after Independence Day, July 4th; and

WHEREAS, these rampant illegal uses have in recent years posed a growing threat to the serenity, air quality and fire safety of numerous neighborhoods within the City and the ability of the City to fully police these illegal uses is impeded by their widespread nature; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, fireworks-caused fires created more than 100 fires and 3000 calls to the Los Angeles Fire Department, including a brush fire in Shadow Hills , a car fire in Koreatown and apartment fires in Reseda and Northridge, plus fireworks-related problems in various other Los Angeles County locations; and

WHEREAS, these fireworks also created noise nuisances that interfered with the quiet enjoyment of many residents and frightened many companion animals, some of whom ran off and became an issue for the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services to deal with; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to deal with the cross-jurisdictional availability of problematic consumer fireworks in jurisdictions where they are illegal would be for the County to pre-empt local laws and make them illegal on a Countywide basis.

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} ~~2020-2021 local~~ Legislative Program a request that the County of Los Angeles consider adopting an ordinance deleting Exception 4 of Section 5601.1.3 of the County Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the County.

PRESENTED BY: _____
PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District (verbal)

SECONDED BY: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

Committee Meeting Date: February 17, 2021

Board Meeting Date March 4, 2020

File # :	20-0002-S2122
Title :	RULES, ELECTIONS. AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Type :	Recommended for Council Action
City/County/State :	Los Angeles/Los Angeles County/California

Summary :	The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Legislative Program that the County of Los Angeles consider adopting an ordinance deleting Exception 4 of Section 5601.1.3 of the County Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the County.
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Type :	Recommended for Council Action
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PS&EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means to support City Council’s Legislative Program that the County of Los Angeles considers adopting an ordinance to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the county.
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“NO” Vote:	Means to oppose City Council’s Legislative Program that the County of Los Angeles considers adopting an ordinance to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the county.
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Agenda Item 21-0017 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 20-1376, Part B to approve Substitute Motion 42 which is an alternative from to 20-1376, which would allow the city to ban unhoused persons from certain locations.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION - ITEM 42

Tens of thousands of people living unhoused and unsheltered, in makeshift encampments on our sidewalks, under our bridges, and in our parks, is inhumane and intolerable. More than a 1000 unhoused people dying on our streets each year is shameful and barbaric.

People should not be living in encampments throughout Los Angeles, and it would be reasonable to prohibit sleeping and lying on our sidewalks -- if genuine alternatives were truly available and accessible. But they are not.

It is imperative that the City restore and maintain public use of the public rights of way, but it will never be able to do so legally or adequately without providing the housing, shelter and services to facilitate the transition of unhoused residents from the streets. To do so would require the following:

Identified, tangible, and existing housing resources. The City cannot base policy on an assumed, projected, or hoped for inventory of housing and shelter. Many existing shelter resources are at capacity, or have restrictions that prohibit walk-ins, or limit access to individuals from nearby neighborhoods. The housing resource that is offered must be available immediately and long enough to provide assistance in developing a long-term housing plan.

A commitment to appropriate housing placements. A “one size fits all” offer of shelter is a demonstrated, proven failure. A woman fleeing domestic violence should not be placed in co-ed facilities. Transition-aged youth or families with children should not be placed in facilities that are predominantly used by single adults. People accepting housing or shelter should not be required to sacrifice their belongings or pets, or be separated from family members.

A real-time, accessible database of available housing and shelter. The lack of such a system makes it virtually impossible for city, county, or LAHSA employees to make a significant number of offers on the streets of same-day housing, shelter or services.

A commitment that housing, shelter or services will be offered by caseworkers. Any offer of services should be made by caseworkers who can make appropriate placements, and not by sworn officers. In Orange County, the protocol established with the input of unhoused residents and their advocates, under the direction of U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter, requires housing and shelter placements be made after consultation with outreach professionals and after proper clinical assessments have been made to determine appropriate placements.

A commitment that housing, shelter and services will be provided, not merely offered. The City cannot simply “offer” a resource. It must provide transportation and

actual placement. In Orange County, appropriate placements consider an individual's ability to access medical appointments, outpatient programs, work and other support systems, and includes transportation to and from such services

Rather than repeatedly revisiting and trying unworkable and legally questionable enforcement proposals, the City must make significant and expanded efforts to actually help transition people out of encampments and into housing, shelter and service

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to detail what steps need to be taken, and by which agency, body, or person, to begin commandeering hotels and motels for use as homeless housing, and report back to the Council within 10 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, develop a plan for a significant expansion of Encampment to Homes programs, coupled with a significantly scaled-up City of Los Angeles Master Leasing program. Such programs could use a coordinated, concentrated, services-based approach to rapidly house residents of an entire encampment simultaneously, through readily available master leased units. The report should include cost and staffing estimates, and consider federal grants, COVID relief funds, state and County assistance, and reprogramming from other efforts that do not result in the rapid housing of unhoused individuals.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority detail, within 10 days, what is prohibiting the development and use of a broadly accessible app that would provide real-time information on available housing and shelter beds and how to access them, and detail resources required to develop it and make it available.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request that U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter facilitate a settlement agreement between the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, unhoused residents and their advocates, the Alliance for Human Rights, and other parties as appropriate, similar to the settlement agreement he brokered in *Orange County Catholic Worker, et al, vs. Orange County, City of Costa Mesa, City of Anaheim & City of Orange*, which led to the housing of thousands of unhoused residents and left public rights of way free of encampments without a single arrest.

Presented by:

MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

Seconded by:

DAVID RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

Committee Meeting Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

Board Meeting Date March 4, 2021

File # :	CF 20-1376 Substitute Item 42
Title :	Alternative Motion to CF 20-1376
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	In the January Homelessness Meeting, WHNC Homelessness Committee voted to OPPOSE CF 20-1376 (6 - Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain) but did not take a position on the Substitute Motion – Item 42 proposed by Councilmember Bonin as an Alternative Motion to CF 20-1376.
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Motion :	SEE SUBSTITUE MOTION ITEM SUBMITTED TO CF 20-1376 as an alternative motion.
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HC Position :	Homelessness Committee
Vote :	YES - 7, NO - 0

“YES” Vote:	A “YES” vote would be in favor of the CIS to support the motion to request the alternate substitute Item 42 is accepted by the City Council instead of CF 20-1376 YES = YES
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“NO” Vote:	A “NO” vote would be in opposition of the CIS to support the motion to request the alternate substitute Item 42 is accepted by the City Council instead of CF 20-1376 NO = NO
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MOTION

Tens of thousands of people, without opportunity for housing and shelter, fend for themselves in a growing number of makeshift encampments on our sidewalks. Our highest and greatest priority must be to provide a genuine alternative to sidewalk encampments -- appropriate housing. In the meantime, in the middle of a public health crisis, City policy regarding encampments should be guided by the words of the physician's Hippocratic oath: "First, do no harm."

Existing City policy does not follow that precept. The City of Los Angeles continues to ignore guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control regarding how to keep homeless encampments clean, safe and sanitary. CDC guidance states that *"If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread."*

At the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the City followed these dictates, but took steps to reverse course in July, and then again in December of last year when it reinstated CARE+ cleanups, which force unhoused residents to take down their tents, move all their belongings and relocate as crews power wash the sidewalks and remove trash. In reinstating an involuntary program, the City seemed to accept the premise that sanitary conditions could not be maintained at encampments without an involuntary sanitation program which confiscated people's materials if they failed to comply. It does not need to be that way.

There is an alternative way to maintain public health and keep conditions sanitary - a voluntary program that offers and provides services to remove trash and hazardous waste, and provide cleaning, without the threat of confiscation. Such an approach, compliant with CDC guidelines, has been advocated by the Services Not Sweeps Coalition, was promised and then promptly abandoned in the rollout of the CARE+ program, and has been piloted in recent months in portions of Council District 11.

In the pilot program, which continues to evolve and improve, LASAN keeps a regular and predictable schedule and provides a voluntary service, much like it does to residential customers. Community ambassadors conduct outreach and seek cooperation ahead of time, allow people to leave their trash and waste in designated areas for easy pick-up, and invite encampment residents to move their tents if they desire a more thorough cleaning. Outreach teams also seek compliance with ingress-egress and ADA requirements, as well as provide services like food distribution, toilet services, showers, and tent distribution or exchange. This is accomplished without any involvement from the Los Angeles Police Department.

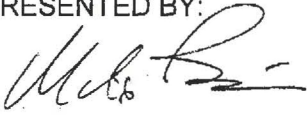
The City's initial suspension of involuntary clean-ups, known to many as sweeps, was part of a suite of policies that kept COVID cases low among the unhoused population in LA; COVID rates in encampments were lower than rates in congregate shelters and bridge housing. In recent

weeks, infection rates have soared, tracking with the increase in the general population. After averaging about 60 new cases each week through the fall, infections among the unhoused doubled in the week after Thanksgiving and have since continued to climb. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health showed 4,578 total cases among people experiencing homelessness as of January 4, 2021.

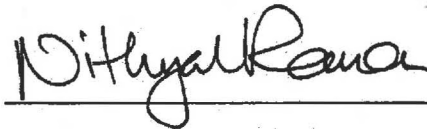
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct LA Sanitation to develop voluntary, service-based protocols for CARE+ operations citywide. The protocols should include:

- Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health and encampments
- Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings
- Offers by LASAN of services such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc.
- Designation of areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal
- Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation
- Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning
- Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution, food and water
- Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings
- Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.
- No use of law enforcement personnel

PRESENTED BY:

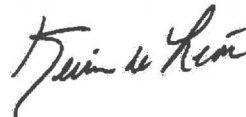


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



File # :	CF 21-0031
Title :	Alternative to Encampment Sweeps
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	<p>The City of Los Angeles continues to ignore guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control regarding how to keep homeless encampments clean, safe and sanitary. CDC guidance states that “If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.” At the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the City followed these dictates, but took steps to reverse course in July, and then again in December of last year when it reinstated CARE+ cleanups, which force unhoused residents to take down their tents, move all their belongings and relocate as crews power wash the sidewalks and remove trash.</p> <p>In reinstating an involuntary program, the City seemed to accept the premise that sanitary conditions could not be maintained at encampments without an involuntary sanitation program which confiscated people’s materials if they failed to comply. It does not need to be that way. There is an alternative way to maintain public health and keep conditions sanitary - a voluntary program that offers and provides services to remove trash and hazardous waste, and provide cleaning, without the threat of confiscation. Such an approach, compliant with CDC guidelines, has been advocated by the Services Not Sweeps Coalition, was promised and then promptly abandoned in the rollout of the CARE+ program, and has been piloted in recent months in portions of Council District 11.</p> <p>In the pilot program, which continues to evolve and improve, LASAN keeps a regular and predictable schedule and provides a voluntary service, much like it does to residential customers. Community ambassadors conduct outreach and seek cooperation ahead of time, allow people to leave their trash and waste in designated areas for easy pick-up, and invite encampment residents to move their tents if they desire a more thorough cleaning. Outreach teams also seek compliance with ingress-egress and ADA requirements, as well as provide services like food distribution, toilet services, showers, and tent distribution or exchange. This is accomplished without any involvement from the Los Angeles Police Department.</p>
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Motion :	<p>I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct LA Sanitation to develop voluntary, service-based protocols for CARE+ operations citywide. The protocols should include: Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health and encampments Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings Offers by LASAN of services such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc. Designation of areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution, food and water Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.</p>
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HC Position :	Homelessness Committee
Vote :	YES – 7, NO - 0

“YES” Vote:	A “YES” vote would be in favor of the CIS to support the motion to request an alternative plan be
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	used to maintain public health and right of way on public streets. YES = YES
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“NO” Vote:	A “NO” vote would be in <u>opposition</u> of the CIS to <u>support</u> the motion to an alternative plan be used to maintain public health and right of way on public streets. NO = NO
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MOTION

In 2016, voters of the City of Los Angeles approved Proposition HHH (Prop HHH), which authorized the use of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1.2 billion dollars for the construction of permanent supportive housing for homeless Angelenos. The ballot measure indicated that the funds would be used to provide for the development of 10,000 supportive housing units to be built quickly to get homeless individuals off of the street, and into housing. Since that time, news story after news story has highlighted how the City is not on track to produce 10,000 units from Prop HHH. A report from the City Controller showed that the average per unit cost for Prop HHH projects is \$531,373. While the City's maximum contribution per unit is \$140,000 of Prop HHH, the time needed for projects to secure full financing has bloated project budgets and added years to the construction timelines of units that were needed yesterday. A comprehensive analysis of all Prop HHH projects is required so that Council may have an accurate picture as to what projects are on-time and are least costly, as well as those that are behind and/or over budget.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing & Community Investment Department be instructed to report to Council within 30 days on the status of all Prop HHH funded projects and their current status compared to when they were originally awarded a letter of commitment; and,

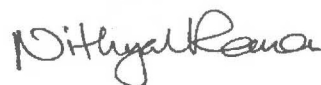
I FURTHER MOVE that this report should include the following information on each Prop HHH funded project: a comparison of the total development cost per unit, total project cost, and proposed completion date both at the time of project award and currently, that shows how far behind schedule and over budget each project is; the proposed financing and the status and amount of each source of funds; whether or not extensions have been granted on the letter of commitment; a detailed explanation of why a project is behind schedule or has an increased budget; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Departments of City Planning & Building and Safety be instructed to report to Council within 30 days on the required entitlements of all proposed HHH projects, where those projects are in the entitlement process, and the anticipated remaining time for each project until entitlements are approved.

PRESENTED BY:

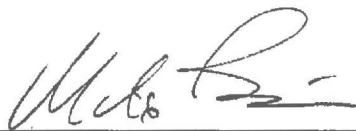


KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

File # :	CF 21-0032
Title :	Requesting Reports on Prop HHH funds
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	In 2016, voters of the City of Los Angeles approved Proposition HHH (Prop HHH), which authorized the use of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1.2 billion dollars for the construction of permanent supportive housing for homeless Angelenos. The ballot measure indicated that the funds would be used to provide for the development of 10,000 supportive housing units to be built quickly to get homeless individuals off of the street, and into housing. Since that time, news story after news story has highlighted how the City is not on track to produce 10,000 units from Prop HHH. A report from the City Controller showed that the average per unit cost for Prop HHH projects is \$531,373. While the City's maximum contribution per unit is \$140,000 of Prop HHH, the time needed for projects to secure full financing has bloated project budgets and added years to the construction timelines of units that were needed yesterday. A comprehensive analysis of all Prop HHH projects is required so that Council may have an accurate picture as to what projects are on-time and are least costly, as well as those that are behind and/or over budget.
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Motion :	I THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing & Community Investment Department be instructed to report to Council within 30 days on the status of all Prop HHH funded projects and their current status compared to when they were originally awarded a letter of commitment; and, I FURTHER MOVE that this report should include the following information on each Prop HHH funded project: a comparison of the total development cost per unit, total project cost, and proposed completion date both at the time of project award and currently, that shows how far behind schedule and over budget each project is; the proposed financing and the status and amount of each source of funds; whether or not extensions have been granted on the letter of commitment; a detailed explanation of why a project is behind schedule or has an increased budget; and, I FURTHER MOVE that the Departments of City Planning & Building and Safety be instructed to report to Council within 30 days on the required entitlements of all proposed HHH projects, where those projects are in the entitlement process, and the anticipated remaining time for each project until entitlements are approved.
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HC Position :	Homelessness Committee
Vote :	YES - 7, NO - 0

“YES” Vote:	A “YES” vote would be in favor of the CIS to support the motion to request a report on the status of all proposed projects. YES = YES
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“NO” Vote:	A “NO” vote would be in opposition of the CIS to support the motion to request a report on the status of all proposed projects. NO = NO
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Agenda Item 21-0020 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS to SUPPORT CF 21-0063, requesting a report on the underutilization of all city-owned properties and the feasibility of using them for temporary or permanent homeless housing.

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

Information, Technology and
General Services

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES MOTION

The current homelessness crisis has had an enormous impact on the future and well-being of Los Angeles. Homeless individuals are on countless streets, in city parks, and under freeways. Despite voter approved measures which allocated billions of dollars to addressing homelessness, the homeless population has only increased. One of the challenges that is often cited when discussing how to house the homeless is available land. Land acquisition can be expensive and, unless there is a willing seller, very time consuming.

The City owns an enormous amount of land throughout its almost 470 square miles of territory. While much of this land is utilized for libraries, parks, police stations, and fire stations, a sizable amount of land is unused or underutilized. The city has done previous analyses to determine if land is suitable for homeless housing and staff reports have shown very little land that is available for use.

However, the city needs to look at this through a new lens that is focused solely on the technical and financial aspects of building homeless housing - not future uses or plans. Furthermore, while there are restrictions on how certain land can be used, temporary housing has been constructed on many sites and successfully housed homeless individuals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, Department of General Services, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Water and Power, and all other city departments who own land to report back on the underutilization of all city-owned properties and the feasibility of using them for temporary or permanent homeless housing; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that ability to use a property shall be based on technical, financial, and legal feasibility and not future uses for any given property; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that this report also analyze any previous studies of city yards and shops to determine which ones are under utilized, arranged poorly, or can be consolidated with other city yards; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of General Services and other necessary departments evaluate all leases of city facilities to outside entities to determine if the leases can be modified to provide space for homeless housing; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks report on all parcels owned by the department that are not deed restricted for park purposes and determine if under section 594(c),(d), and (e) of the Los Angeles City Charter any land is unsuitable for park usage.

I FURTHER MOVE that these aforementioned reports be transmitted back to Council within 30 days of the adoption of this motion.

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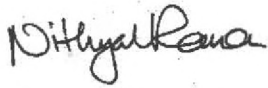


PRESENTED BY:



KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

File # :	CF 21-0063
Title :	Requesting an inventory of City Land for the intent to repurpose for housing needs
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	The City owns an enormous amount of land throughout its almost 470 square miles of territory. While much of this land is utilized for libraries, parks, police stations, and fire stations, a sizable amount of land is unused or underutilized. The city has done previous analyses to determine if land is suitable for homeless housing and staff reports have shown very little land that is available for use. However, the city needs to look at this through a new lens that is focused solely on the technical and financial aspects of building homeless housing - not future uses or plans. Furthermore, while there are restrictions on how certain land can be used, temporary housing has been constructed on many sites and successfully housed homeless individuals.
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Motion :	I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, Department of General Services, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Water and Power, and all other city departments who own land to report back on the underutilization of all city-owned properties and the feasibility of using them for temporary or permanent homeless housing; and, I FURTHER MOVE that ability to use a property shall be based on technical, financial, and legal feasibility and not future uses for any given property; and, I FURTHER MOVE that this report also analyze any previous studies of city yards and shops to determine which ones are under utilized, arranged poorly, or can be consolidated with other city yards; and, I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of General Services and other necessary departments evaluate all leases of city facilities to outside entities to determine if the leases can be modified to provide space for homeless housing; and, I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks report on all parcels owned by the department that are not deed restricted for park purposes and determine if under section 594(c),(d), and (e) of the Los Angeles City Charter any land is unsuitable for park usage. I FURTHER MOVE that these aforementioned reports be transmitted back to Council within 30 days of the adoption of this motion.
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HC Position :	Homelessness Committee
Vote :	YES – 5, NO – 1, ABSTAIN - 1

“YES” Vote:	A “YES” vote would be in favor of the CIS to support the motion to request an inventory of City Land for the intent to repurpose for housing needs. YES = YES
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“NO” Vote:	A “NO” vote would be in opposition of the CIS to support the motion to request an inventory of City Land for the intent to repurpose for housing needs. NO = NO
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HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

Ad Hoc COVID

MOTION

Tens of thousands of people, without opportunity for housing and shelter, fend for themselves in a growing number of makeshift encampments on our sidewalks. It is imperative that we provide a genuine alternative to sidewalk encampments – appropriate, long term housing. But as the deadly COVID-19 virus continues to spread, it is an urgent priority that we follow public health protocols and provide non-congregate shelter for people currently living on our streets and in congregate shelters.

Early in the pandemic, the City, the County and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority quickly organized a multi-agency effort that brought more than 7,000 vulnerable people indoors in a period of a few months. Project Roomkey, the central initiative of this effort, secured more than 4,000 rooms in 37 hotels between the City and County of Los Angeles, which served more than 6,000 people. Project Roomkey was primarily reimbursed and funded with federal CARES Act relief money. With a December 2020 deadline to spend those funds, the City and County transitioned away from Project Roomkey to more long-term solutions.

On Thursday, January 21, **President Biden issued an executive action directing FEMA to reimburse cities for 100% of what they spend on non-congregate shelters through September 2021.** Previously, the reimbursements were 75%, leaving cash-strapped cities to cover the difference. The executive memorandum goes on to direct FEMA to **expedite reimbursement** for eligible emergency work projects and, as appropriate, **provide an advance of the federal share** on a percentage of the expected reimbursements from approved projects.

In recent weeks, COVID infection rates among our unhoused population have soared, tracking with the increase in the general population. After averaging about 60 new cases each week through the fall, infections among the unhoused doubled in the week after Thanksgiving and have since continued to climb. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health showed 4,578 total cases among people experiencing homelessness as of January 4, 2021.

While the City must move aggressively to purchase as many hotels and motels as possible through additional or forthcoming state or federal Project Homekey funds, which will provide housing for the long-term, it is essential that the City also avail itself of the renewed opportunity to get tens of thousands of people off the streets immediately through FEMA funds for non-congregate shelters. Many property owners may be unwilling to sell their buildings and land, but may well be interested in leasing buildings through September 2021. This new federal assistance creates tremendous opportunity to expand use of motels and hotels, and potentially vacant apartment units, for programs like Project Roomkey and other master leasing efforts that can move people off the streets, at no cost to the City and in a matter of days, instead of at substantial cost and after lengthy delays.

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While negotiated lease agreements or purchases are optimal, the situation is so dire, it is important that the City consider exercising its authority to commandeer hotels and motels for just compensation to help us meet this crisis. Legal analysis by constitutional scholar Erwin Chemirinsky, by the firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson, and by the City Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco have affirmed the legal authority of cities to take such actions during this public health emergency.

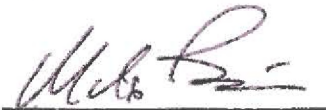
I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct LAHSA, the CLA, and CAO to report back on opportunities for renewing and expanding Project Roomkey, with a goal of providing interim non-congregate shelter for tens of thousands of people; as well as the opportunities for additional uses for these reimbursable funds for non-congregate shelters, including master leasing of hotels and motels, including those with fewer than 100 rooms, and vacant apartment units.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to consult with members of the unhoused community and service providers and report back on ways in which Project Roomkey operations could be improved and made more successful.

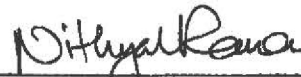
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct LAHSA to report back on Project Roomkey program requirements that could be modified to induce greater participation from hotels and motels.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to report to the City Council on what steps need to be taken, and by which agency, body, or person, to begin commandeering hotels and motels for use as homeless housing.

PRESENTED BY:



MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



Committee Meeting Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

Board Meeting Date Thursday, March 4, 2021

File # :	CF 21-0113
Title :	Requesting reports from various agencies on how to utilize new federal funds for Project Roomkey
Type :	Motion
City/State :	Los Angeles City Council

Summary :	On Thursday, January 21, President Biden issued an executive action directing FEMA to reimburse cities for 100% of what they spend on non-congregate shelters through September 2021. Previously, the reimbursements were 75%, leaving cash-strapped cities to cover the difference. The executive memorandum goes on to direct FEMA to expedite reimbursement for eligible emergency work projects and, as appropriate, provide an advance of the federal share on a percentage of the expected reimbursements from approved projects.
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HC Position :	Homelessness Committee (To include the statement, “The WHNC has reservations concerning the word ‘commandeer’ and would like further explanation.”)
Vote :	YES – 6, NO – 1

“YES” Vote:	A “YES” vote would be in favor of the CIS to support the motion to request reports from various City agencies to identify ways to utilize federal funds for Project Roomkey YES = YES
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“NO” Vote:	A “NO” vote would be in opposition of the CIS to support the motion to request reports from various City agencies to identify ways to utilize federal funds for Project Roomkey NO = NO
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