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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 2, 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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Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered

<p><b><u>Opening Business</u></b> Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call – Establish Quorum Pledge of Allegiance Senior Lead Officer Report Treasurer’s Report Controller’s Report Comments From the Chair</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>Co-Chairs:</b> Ms. Charlene Rothstein Dr. Faye Barta <b>Secretary:</b> Mr. Brad Vanderhoof <b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr. Faye Barta SLO McNamee; Acting SLO Salter <b>Treasurer:</b> Ms. Carolyn Greenwood <b>Controller:</b> Mr. Saif Mogri <b>Co-Chair:</b> Ms. Charlene Rothstein</p>
<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <p>Council District 12 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 LAUSD District 3</p> <p>Budget Advocates</p>	<p>7:20 P.M.</p>	<p>Mr. Eric Moody, District Director Ms. Atziri Camarena Ms. Tessa Charnofsky, District Director Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement &amp; Data Specialist TBD</p>
<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p> <p>Comments &amp; statements from stakeholders or interested parties on subjects <b><u>NOT</u></b> on this meeting’s agenda. <i>(Requires Speaker Card)</i> <b>*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.*</b></p>	<p>7:40 P.M</p>	<p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr. Faye Barta</p>

<p><b><u>Council Announcements</u></b></p> <p>Committee &amp; Liaison Reports</p>	<p><b>7:50 P.M.</b></p>	<p>West Hills Neighborhood Council</p>
<p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <p><b>21-0071</b> - Discussion and possible action on a letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti regarding signing the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Pledge on Dec. 1, 2021. <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0072</b> - Discussion and possible action on a resolution regarding passive infrared sensor-controlled traffic signals <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 P.M.</b></p>	<p>Dr. Faye Barta, Co-Chair Beautification Committee Mr. Brad Vanderhoof, Co-Chair Beautification Committee Mr. Anthony Searce, Member Beautification Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Searce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation</p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p><b>21-0081</b> - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s July Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) <b>(3 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0082</b>- Discussion and possible action on approving an amended 2021-2022 Budget to include rollover of \$8,625.78 for a total 2021-2022 fiscal year budget of \$40,625.78. <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0083</b> - Discussion and possible action to approve Event Form and budget from Beautification Committee for the September 18, 2021 Beautification event to plant milkweed for butterflies at Orcutt Ranch Park <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0084</b> – Discussion and possible action to approve the Event Form and budget from the Special Events Committee for the Halloween House Event to be held October 22 – 24, 2021 <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0085</b> - Discussion and possible action to approve the Event Form and budget from the Streets &amp; Transportation Committee for the painting of one Traffic Control Cabinet <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0086</b> - Discussion and possible action to approve artist Christina Walsh and her artwork <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0087</b> - Discussion and Possible Action to Change the Age Requirements for the WHNC Youth Seat to 14-17 Years of Age <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0088</b> - Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of WHNC board member Aida Abkarians to submit Community Impact Statements</p>	<p><b>8:35 P.M.</b></p>	<p>Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Co-Chair Budget Committee Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Budget Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Searce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Brad Vanderhoof, Co-Chair Bylaws Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Bylaws Committee</p> <p>Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair</p>

<p><b>21-0089</b> - Discussion and possible action on WHNC’s official statement on Los Angeles City Council redistricting. <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0090</b> – Discussion and possible action to appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9<sup>th</sup> , 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0091</b> - Discussion and Possible Action: on Airplane Noise and request LAX Noise Roundtable inclusion letter to John Lee <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0092</b> - Discussion and possible action of The West Hills Neighborhood Council supporting Los Angeles school board resolution addressing anti-Semitism in the district schools. LAUSD Resolution Res-001-21/22, Version: 1. <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>21-0093</b> - Discussion and possible action of the West Hills Neighborhood Council supporting the community’s request for services provided by the district’s school police <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p>		<p>Mr. Dan Brin, Board Member</p> <p>Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Searce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation</p> <p>Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation</p> <p>Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mr. Saif Mogri, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p>
<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p>	<p><b>9:30 P.M.</b></p>	

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Hon. Eric Garcetti

Mayor, City of Los Angeles

200 N. Spring St., #303

Los Angeles, CA 90012

*July 2, 2021*

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

Please help make Los Angeles a city that supports our native monarch butterflies by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Pledge on Dec. 1, 2021.

Los Angeles can be a leader in saving the monarchs by promoting habitats suitable to their feeding and reproduction.

In California, the monarch butterfly population has fallen more than 95% since the 1980s. This alarming trend can be mitigated and reversed through planting and protecting California native plants, especially California milkweed, which provides the iconic butterfly's preferred habitat for feeding, egg-laying and pupating.

Already, more than 389 U.S. cities, municipalities and other communities have committed to creating healthy habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators. In doing so, they are educating residents on how they can make a positive difference at home and in the wild.

We want Los Angeles to join the front ranks of communities working to save and protect our treasured monarch butterflies.

In West Hills, we have identified and mapped more than 4,000 existing native milkweed plants at Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center. We want Orcutt Ranch to be designated as an official Monarch Butterfly Habitat. We believe this can be the largest such habitat in Los Angeles County.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council looks forward to working with your office and Council District 12 to accomplish this designation.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charlene Rothstein

*President*

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Faye Barta, J.D.

*Vice President*

*Letter authorized by resolution of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board of Directors on July 1, 2021.*



# Speed Mitigation Plan/Overspeed Detection For West Hills, CA

## Problem Statement

West Hills has a large quantity of long, and wide streets that have little to no controlled intersections. While this is great for traffic flow, it has created an environment of dangerous conditions for speeding.

## Summary

Increases in accidents and fatalities as well as the general concern by West Hills Stakeholders demands a review and investigation on possible solutions to mitigate speeding in our community. There are several considerations that must be taken into account before identifying a potential solution. These include traffic flow, effectiveness of mitigation methods versus the negative impact on traffic as well as the long term viability of the mitigation response.

## Issues With Recommended List of Mitigation Methods

We reviewed the pre-approved list of mitigation options that are currently available. The list includes making physical changes to the street, speed notification devices, and the direct interdiction by Law Enforcement. Unfortunately, there seems to be an inverse relationship between the success of most of the mitigation methods with the impact on traffic flow. Several streets in West Hills are major traffic routes through the West Valley. Any solution to manage this issue must not adversely affect normal traffic flow. Direct interdiction by Law Enforcement has the highest positive impact on traffic safety, but is very inefficient and cannot be relied on as a full time solution.

## Proposed Solution

One geographic feature unique, but fairly common to West Hills are long and wide streets. Having streets with large gaps in traffic control systems does have a positive impact on traffic flow, but has the unintended consequence of allowing for speeding. This is happening at an increasing frequency. We believe the best solution that would have the greatest mitigation on the negative effects of these types of streets, but minimal impact on traffic flow is to install traffic light controlled pedestrian crosswalks with overspeed detection. These would be installed between our long streets dividing them into smaller controlled pedestrian segments. These traffic lights would be equipped with passive infrared sensors that can detect the speed of

approaching cars and set a predefined speed above the posted limit. Should someone approach the light beyond this threshold, it would trigger a red light at the crosswalk. For shorter streets that are identified as high risk for speeding we request that intersection lights be modified to also support overspeed detection. Finally, we ask that all traffic lights that have overspeed support have the capability to log instances of being triggered with a timestamp (no driver information will be collected). By logging overspeed triggers we can identify location, and time of day that are potentially at higher risk of speeders and as a result we can deploy Law Enforcement to supplement mitigation. This approach would solve multiple problems. First, it would limit the damage done by speeding by restricting the availability of long open lanes of streets. Second, it would allow for more spaces for pedestrians to safely cross the streets, and finally, it would have a low impact on normal traffic flow. This is existing technology, and can be installed with minimal physical or fiscal impact.

Figure 31. Passive infrared sensors.

When a vehicle enters the sensor's field of view, the change in emitted energy is used to detect the vehicle as illustrated in Figure 32. A vehicle entering the sensor's field of view generates a signal that is proportional to the product of an emissivity difference term and a temperature difference term when the surface temperatures of the vehicle and road are equal. The emissivity term is equal to the difference between the road and the vehicle emissivities. The temperature term is equal to the difference between the absolute temperature of the road surface and the temperature contributed by atmospheric, cosmic, and galactic emission. On overcast, high humidity, and rainy days, the sky temperature is larger than on clear days and the signal produced by a passing vehicle decreases. This, in itself, may not pose a problem to a properly designed passive infrared sensor operating at the longer wavelengths of the infrared spectrum, especially at the relatively short operating ranges typical of traffic management applications ( Klein , 2001).

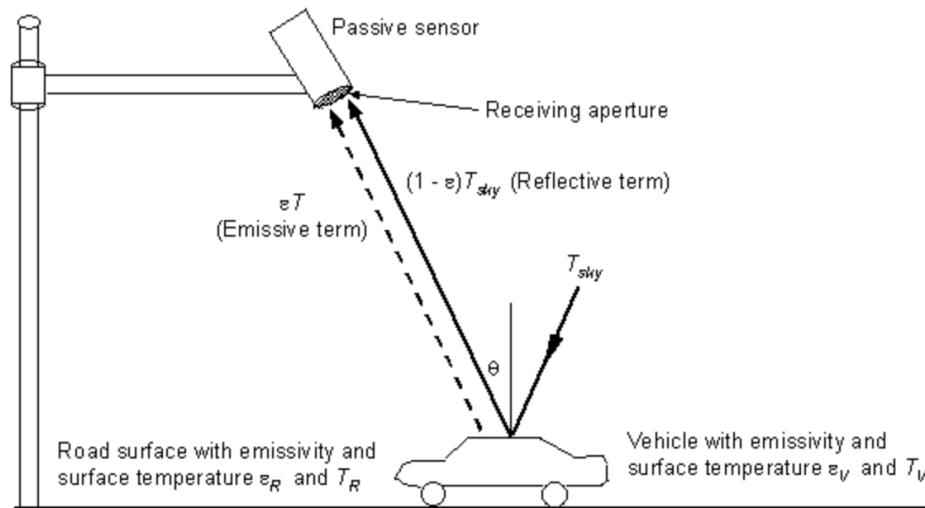


Figure 32. Emission and reflection of energy by vehicle and road surface.

#### Application and Uses

Multi-channel and multi-zone passive infrared sensors measure speed and vehicle length as well as the more conventional volume and lane occupancy. These models are designed with dynamic and static-thermal energy detection zones that provide the functionality of two inductive loops. Their footprint configuration is shown in Figure 33. The time delays between the signals from the three dynamic zones are used to measure speed. The vehicle presence time from the fourth zone gives the occupancy of stationary and moving vehicles.

For more information on Passive Infrared Sensors please see:  
Image above reference from:

Office of Highway Policy Information

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/pubs/vdstits2007/05pt2.cfm>

WHEREAS, speed is the primary factor in fatal traffic collisions and continues to kill hundreds of people in Los Angeles every year; and

WHEREAS, speeding motorists are making the streets in West Hills increasingly dangerous in recent years, resulting in many accidents, injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Colleen Wong on March 19, 2021, who was killed by a driver who was travelling at a very high rate of speed on a surface street, shows that it is imperative to address speeding on our streets; and

WHEREAS, police have limited resources available to patrol our community's streets, especially at night, when street racing is most prevalent; and

WHEREAS, such measures as road humps, roundabouts and traffic choke points are impractical on major arteries like Valley Circle Boulevard, Platt Avenue, Sherman Way, Roscoe Boulevard, Fallbrook Avenue and Shoup Avenue; and

WHEREAS, one geographic feature unique, but fairly common to West Hills are long and wide streets. Having streets with large gaps in traffic control systems does have a positive impact on traffic flow, but has the unintended consequence of allowing for speeding. This is happening at an increasing frequency; and

WHEREAS, mitigation on the negative effects of these types of streets, but minimal impact on traffic flow is to install traffic light controlled pedestrian crosswalks with overspeed detection. These would be installed between our long streets dividing them into smaller controlled pedestrian segments. These traffic lights would be equipped with passive infrared sensors that can detect the speed of approaching cars and set a predefined speed above the posted limit. Should someone approach the light beyond this threshold, it would trigger a red light at the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, in addition to installing traffic controlled pedestrian crosswalks, several existing intersections that have been identified as high speed zones, also have overspeed detection sensors added to them; and

WHEREAS, all installed overspeed detection sensors be capable of recording a timestamp and location, so that any light or lights that have a high number of red light activations, can be identified so the City can supplement these sensors with law enforcement support

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council urges LADOT, the Los Angeles City Council and CD12 to investigate passive infrared sensor controlled traffic signals at pedestrian crosswalks between existing traffic signaled intersections.

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Charlene Rothstein  
President - West Hills Neighborhood Council

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Faye Barta  
Vice-Pres.-West Hills Neighborhood Council



# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: July 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$40625.78	\$3606.30	\$37019.48	\$1356.60	\$0.00	\$35662.88

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$27039.71	\$3606.30	\$23433.41	\$1356.60	\$22076.81
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$960.29	\$0.00	\$960.29	\$0.00	\$960.29
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	07/22/2021	WHNC email	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$64.80
2	THE WEB CORNER, INC	07/10/2021	Email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
3	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	07/21/2021	Executive Director	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$339.15
4	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	07/21/2021	Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
5	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	07/21/2021	Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1695.75
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$3606.30</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	08/09/2021	Services of Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$1356.60</b>



**West Hills Neighborhood Council Controller's Report  
August 31, 2021**

	<b>Negihborhood Purpose Grants (NPG's)</b>							
<b>23</b>		<b>Youth and Eduction</b>	<b>NPG's</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>				
<b>18A</b>		<b>Homelessness</b>	<b>NPG's</b>					
	<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP's)</b>							
<b>20A</b>		<b>Streets&amp;Transportation</b>	<b>CIP's</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>				
<b>24</b>		<b>Beautification</b>	<b>Cleanups</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>				
<b>25</b>		<b>Beautification</b>	<b>Special Events</b>					
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$40,625.78</b>	<b>\$35,448.08</b>	<b>\$3,606.30</b>	<b>\$1,571.40</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>Clean Street Grant</b>			<b>\$1,324.83</b>				

<b>Neighborhood Council</b>	
_____ <b>Annual Budget for Fiscal Year: _____</b>	
<b>Annual Budget Funds</b>	
<b>Rollover Funds*</b>	
<b>Total Annual Budget Funds</b>	

<b>Office/Operational Expenditures Category</b>	
<b>Total Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	

\*The Funding Program will notify each NC of their Fiscal Year closing balance including available rollover funds and/or applicable adjustment, if any, approximately August 1st or next business day. Depending on when an NC submits its Admin Packet/annual budget, the NC may need to revise and resubmit its annual budget to account for any rollover and/or adjustments.

<b>Outreach Expenditures Category</b>	
<b>Total Outreach Expenditures</b>	

<b>Election Expenditures Category</b>	
<b>Total Election Expenditures</b>	

<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures Category</b>	
<b>Total NPG Expenditures</b>	

<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures Category</b>	
<b>Total CIP Expenditures</b>	

<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS</b>	
<b>Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	
<b>Outreach Expenditures</b>	
<b>Election Expenditures</b>	
<b>General and Operational Expenditures</b>	
<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures</b>	
<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR</b>	



## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EVENT APPROVAL REQUEST FORM



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

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

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

Neighborhood Council: West Hills Neighborhood Council

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

Main sponsor: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Contact Person: Faye Barta and Brad Vanderhoof

Phone: 818-887-7811 Email: [Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org](mailto:Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org);  
[Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org](mailto:Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org)

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### **Event Information**

Event Title and Description: CleanUp Event this month will be helping to plant milkweed at Orcutt Ranch Park, so that the Monarch butterflies will have a good source of nutrition as they work to make our planet a more beautiful and bountiful and liveable home.

Date: 09/18/2021 Time Frame: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Est. number of attendees: 25 Event Budget: \$ 50.00

Venue Name: WHNC Beautification Committee September 2021 Clean-Up

Venue Address: Orcutt Ranch Park, 23600 Roscoe Blvd, West Hills, CA

Contact Person: Brad Vanderhoof and Faye Barta

Phone: 818-887-7811 Email: [Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org](mailto:Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org); [Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org](mailto:Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org)

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

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

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

with specific vendors if available.

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



The City of Los Angeles provides Neighborhood Councils with event liability coverage in the amount of \$5 million. Depending on the type of event, there may be additional permits and liability issues that must be addressed prior to the event, or the Neighborhood Council will be liable for any penalties or injuries incurred at the event. There may be fees attached to obtaining permits and additional liability so please budget accordingly. It may be easier to partner with the City family or a community based organization or even hire an event planner (will require a contract prepared by the Department) so that they can obtain/handle the necessary permits and liability issues instead. The following must be obtained and submitted **PRIOR TO THE EVENT** if they are applicable to your event:

**If FOOD is being purchased/provided/distributed/served at your event, you may be required to obtain the following PERMITS:**

- LA County Public Health Department Permits – Community Event Organizer and Temporary Food Facility permits may be required. Permit fees may be waived by the County if requested.
- LA Fire Department – Permit may be necessary for temporary structures setup to prep/cook/serve food.

**CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE, SERVICE AGREEMENTS, and/or FACILITY USE PERMITS from Vendors providing the following types of services. Insurance Certificates need to list the “City of Los Angeles” as Additional Insured.**

- Jumpers/Bouncers (Inflatables) – City Risk Management may need to review
- Games (e.g. dunk tank, other carnival style games, video game bus)
- Food (purchased, provided, distributed and/or served)
- Entertainers (e.g. DJs, musicians, face painting, balloon artists, etc.)
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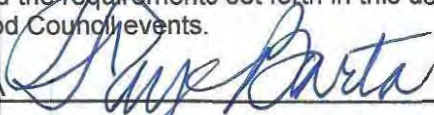
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Signature: FAYE BARTA  Date: 08/20/2021

Print Name: Brad Vanderhoof and Faye Barta Title: Co-Chairs

Email: Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org Phone: 818-887-7811

For Staff Use Only:  Approved  Denied Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Main sponsor: WEST HILLS NC SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Contact Person: MYRL SCHREIBMAN

Phone: 818-335-7658 Email: myrl.schreibman@westhillsnc.org

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Contact Person: RON RUBINE

Phone: 818-882-1212 Email: ron.rubine@lacity.org

### **Event Information**

AS THE WHNC DID IN 2020

Event Title and Description: 3rd ANNUAL WEST HILLS HALLOWEEN HOUSES ON DISPLAY  
PARTICIPANTS DECORATE THE EXTERIOR OF THEIR HOUSES, WHICH ARE INDEPENDENTLY  
JUDGED THE WEEK BEFORE HALLOWEEN BY 3 PROFESSIONAL JUDGES

Date: 10/22-24 Time Frame: SUNSET-9pm Est. number of attendees: 50-75 Event Budget: \$ 950.00

Venue Name: <sup>2021</sup> WEST HILLS COMMUNITY HOUSES

Venue Address: WEST HILLS PARTICIPATING HOUSES

Contact Person: MYRL SCHREIBMAN

Phone: 818-335-7658 Email: myrl.schreibman@westhillsnc.org

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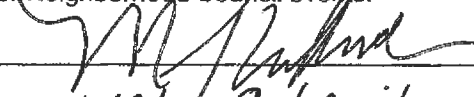
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Signature:  Date: 8/17/2021  
Print Name: MYRL SCHREIBMAN Title: CO-CHAIR SPECIAL EVENTS  
Email: myrl.schreiberman@westhillsnc.org Phone: 818-335-7658

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August 24,2021

West Hills Neighborhood Council  
Supplement to Event Approval Request form

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Houses on Display

This event will be run as last year's event which was approved by the city, and be operated in compliance with any and all Covid related restrictions.

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Main sponsor: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Contact Person: Anthony Searce

Phone: 818-357-4946 Email: anthony.searce@westhillsnc.org

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): N/A

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

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

#### Event Information

Event Title and Description: LADOT Traffic Control Cabinet Painting on Jason st. and Roscoe Blvd

Artist Christina Walsh Art Work to follow Vision Zero Theme

Date: N/A Time Frame: 3 Days Est. number of attendees: 2 Event Budget: \$ 300.00

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Signature: Anthony C. Searce Date: 08/27/2021  
Print Name: Anthony Searce Title: Co-Chair WHNC Streets and Transportation  
Email: anthony.searce@westhillsnc.org Phone: 818-357-4946

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**Agenda Item 21-0086 - Discussion and possible action to approve artist Christina Walsh and her artwork**



**Agenda Item 21-0089 - Discussion and possible action on WHNC's official statement on Los Angeles City Council redistricting**

1. Keeping the status quo: all of West Hills remains in Council District 12 (currently represented by John Lee).
2. All of West Hills up to its northern boundary — cutting through the Nature Preserve along the Nordhoff Street center line — moves to Council District 3 (currently represented by Bob Blumenfield).
3. South of Roscoe Boulevard moves to Council District 3; north of Roscoe remains in Council District 12.

NOTE: The WHNC urges the redistricting commission to include West Hills' portion of the Nature Preserve (approximately 80% of the preserve) in the same Council District as other parts of West Hills.

September \_\_\_\_, 2021

Councilmember John Lee, Council District 12  
**City of Los Angeles**  
200 N. Spring St., Room 405  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Request for Membership on LAX Community Noise Roundtable**

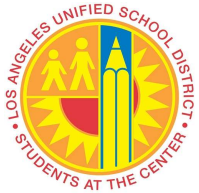
Dear Councilmember Lee:

As the Los Angeles City Councilmember representing much of the West San Fernando Valley, including the West Hills community, we respectfully request that you request a member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) be added as a voting At-Large Member to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Community Noise Roundtable. The Chair of the Roundtable is Denny Schneider, 1 World Way Los Angeles, CA 90045.

The West San Fernando Valley and West Hills in particular, are impacted by noise from LAX departures, Van Nuys Airport departures and arrivals, and Burbank Airport arrivals. The cumulative impact of these flights has created noise issues for our stakeholders that have been magnified since the implementation of the Metroplex plan and the steady increase in air traffic from all three airports. At present, the West San Fernando is only represented on the Roundtable by Woodland Hills (WHWCNC), which is within CD3.

WHNC meets the requirements of the Roundtable's bylaws. As a certified neighborhood council established pursuant to the Los Angeles City Charter, it has a formal structure including bylaws, members who are elected by West Hills stakeholders, and regular meetings conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. WHNC recently passed a resolution to make this request. We feel that CD12 and West Hills should have a voting voice on this roundtable.

If WHNC is added as an at-large voting member, on behalf of the WHNC, we respectfully request that Brad Vanderhoof, WHNC Secretary, serve as our designated representative, and that Brian Begun, Member WHNC Streets and Transportation Committee, serve as the alternate.



# Los Angeles Unified School District

333 South Beaudry Ave,  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

## Board of Education Report

**File #:** Res-001-21/22, **Version:** 1

**ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE**

Mr. Schmerelson, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Gonez - Affirming the Value of Jewish Students, Staff, and Families in the Los Angeles Unified School District and Addressing Anti-Semitism (Res 001-21/22) (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

Whereas, There has been a significant rise in hate crimes here in Los Angeles and across the country over the last four years against many racial, ethnic, religious, and other minority groups, and LAUSD has a long history of centering the positive contributions of the Black, Latinx, Asian American and Pacific Islander, women, LGBTQ+, and other communities;

Whereas, This discrimination, racism, xenophobia, sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism has not only generated heated rhetoric but has resulted in harassment, vandalism, physical assaults, and worse, and no individual or group within our District should fear becoming targets of retaliation, derision, bullying, isolation, or violence;

Whereas, Students who identify as Jewish come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, including those with overlapping racial and ethnic identities, and attend schools in all six Local Districts, and Los Angeles is home to the third largest Jewish population in the world behind Israel and New York, and approximately 15 percent of the K-12 child population within LAUSD's boundaries are themselves or have family members who are Jewish;

Whereas, What we teach our youth about their ancestral legacies and cultures is essential in the fight for racial and ethnic justice and equity, and the promise of full inclusion and desegregation in LAUSD or public schools has not yet been realized;

Whereas, LAUSD publishes policy bulletins and memoranda on an annual basis affirming the value and dignity of all racial, ethnic, and religious groups, including MEM-5466: Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, and offers the opportunity for Jewish students and staff to observe the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with unassigned days in the school calendar;

Whereas, Property and vandalism crimes against Jewish temples and places of worship and physical assaults against people who "look Jewish" or dine at restaurants frequented by Jewish people has increased significantly over the past four years and most recently due to the escalation of the conflict and military action in Israel, Gaza, and in the Middle East, and was denounced by President Biden and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the City Council, and faith leaders from across the Los Angeles region;

Whereas, Reports of white supremacist, anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israeli graffiti, bullying, harassment, and violence on LAUSD campuses has been on the rise for the past four years, and administrators, teachers, and student leaders need updated and readily available training and resources to prevent and address anti-Semitism in all its forms;

Whereas, The social content of instructional materials used in California public schools must comply with California Education Code section 60040-60045 and 60048 as well as the State Board of Education guidelines

in the Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content in that they must portray accurately and equitably the cultural and racial diversity of American society, and Section 51500 states that “teachers shall not give instruction and a school district shall not sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, or sexual orientation”, or another protected characteristic;

Whereas, Prolonged exposure to curricula that normalizes and perpetuates white supremacy, and the erasure of racial, ethnic, and religious minority groups can be alienating and traumatic for students and staff and contribute to the opportunity and achievement gaps we see today; now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Board of Education denounces the rise in anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israeli rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes and incidents that denigrate Jewish students and staff in the communities served by LAUSD in order for every LAUSD campus and office to be a safe and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and families;

Resolved further, The Board declares the need for updated bulletins, curricular and instructional resources, and training for teachers, staff, administrators, students, and parents to address and prevent anti-Semitism and respond when anti-Semitic vandalism, bullying, harassment, or violence occurs either on campus or in the community, including specific reference to anti-Semitism in the mandated bulletins training at the start of each school year;

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Resolved, That to accomplish these objectives, the Board directs the Superintendent to (1) direct all schools and offices to affirm the rights of Jewish students, staff, and families and to report acts of anti-Semitism in schools and the workplace using District procedures; (2) ensure that the Division of Instruction and Office of Human Relations, Diversity, and Equity establish a curriculum and professional development working group to recruit and compensate LAUSD teachers and administrators with expertise in the areas of Jewish history and culture and the Holocaust, and invite other expert groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, Simon Wiesenthal Center and J Street to update and revise any existing LAUSD curriculum, recommended grade level reading lists, or instructional resources to ensure they are inclusive and reflective of best practices and the full diversity of Jewish people including those in California and Los Angeles, and (3) report back to the Board within 90 days with an update on these efforts.

September \_\_\_\_, 2021

Councilmember John Lee, Council District 12  
**City of Los Angeles**  
200 N. Spring St., Room 405  
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Scott Schmerlson, School Board District 3  
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Re: LAUSD Resolution 001-21/22 – Version 1 Anti-Semitism in the District’s Schools**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports Resolution 001-21/22 addressing Anti-Semitism in our schools.

There is a rise in child population within LAUSD’s boundaries are themselves or have family members who are Jewish and what we teach our youth about their ancestral legacies and cultures is essential in the fight for racial and ethnic justice and equity, and the promise of full inclusion and desegregation in LAUSD or public schools. Students who identify as Jewish come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, including those with overlapping racial and ethnic identities, and attend schools in all six Local Districts. Los Angeles is home to the third largest Jewish population in the world behind Israel and New York, with approximately 15 percent of the K-12 population within LAUSD’s boundaries is themselves or have family members who are Jewish. There has been a significant rise in hate crimes here in Los Angeles and across the country over the last four years against many racial, ethnic, religious, and other minority groups, and LAUSD has a long history of centering the positive contributions of the Black, Latin, Asian American and Pacific Islander, women, LGBTQ+, and other communities; This discrimination, racism, xenophobia, sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism has not only generated heated rhetoric but has resulted in harassment, vandalism, physical assaults, and worse, and no individual or group within our District should fear becoming targets of retaliation, derision, bullying, isolation, or violence.

The Board of Education denounces the rise in anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israeli rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes and incidents that denigrate Jewish students and staff in the communities served by LAUSD in order for every LAUSD campus and office to be a safe and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and families. The Board also declares the need for updated bulletins, curricular and instructional resources, and training for teachers, staff, administrators, students, and parents to address and prevent

anti-Semitism and respond when anti-Semitic vandalism, bullying, harassment, or violence occurs either on campus or in the community, including specific reference to anti-Semitism in the mandated bulletins training at the start of each school year.

LAUSD will proceed with full implementation of the California-adopted History Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (2017) and its Appendix F on Religion and History-Social Science Education educate LAUSD students and all elementary, middle, and high school history-social science teachers about the positive contributions of Jewish peoples and to reduce anti-Jewish hate speech and hate-motivated behavior and incidents. To accomplish these objectives, the Board directs the Superintendent to (1) direct all schools and offices to affirm the rights of Jewish students, staff, and families and to report acts of anti-Semitism in schools and the workplace using District procedures; (2) ensure that the Division of Instruction and Office of Human Relations, Diversity, and Equity establish a curriculum and professional development working group to recruit and compensate LAUSD teachers and administrators with expertise in the areas of Jewish history and culture and the Holocaust, and invite other expert groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, Simon Wiesenthal Center and J Street to update and revise any existing LAUSD curriculum, recommended grade level reading lists, or instructional resources to ensure they are inclusive and reflective of best practices and the full diversity of Jewish people including those in California and Los Angeles, and (3) report back to the Board within 90 days with an update on these efforts.



**Agenda Item 21-0093 - Discussion and possible action of the West Hills Neighborhood Council supporting the community's request for services provided by the district's school police**

Dr. McKenna, Mr. Schmerelson - Ensuring Local School Site and Community Control, Authority, Autonomy and Choice Regarding Safe Campuses and the Protection of Our Students and Staff (Res-027-20/21)

Whereas, In May 2018, the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District entered into a three-year employment contract with Mr. Austin Beutner to serve as Superintendent of Schools for the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Whereas, The hallmark characteristic of Superintendent Beutner's leadership and reorganization plan and policies, enthusiastically supported by a majority of the Board of Education and numerous local non-profit organizations, has been the decentralization of resources and decision making in order for each school site and school community to be able to assess the unique needs and priorities of their students, families, local neighborhoods, and community partners;

Whereas, In an April 21, 2021 letter to the Board declining an extension of his contract, Mr. Beutner stated that with the support of the Board and that of many partners in labor, government, industry, the community and the homes of each family and every student, we have "(t)ransformed Los Angeles Unified from a top-down, one-size-fits-all bureaucracy into 44 nimble local teams, each dedicated to the community it serves" and unequivocally asserted that community schools unite families, educators, and community partners to provide all students with quality instruction, enrichment activities, physical and mental health services and social-emotional supports which create the opportunity for children to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas, As the largest authorizer of charter schools in the nation, the District has long been considered a major proponent of allowing parents and families to choose or be assigned to publicly funded schools that are independent, autonomous and not bound by centrally generated policies and practices that their local school community may not support, thus allowing families who live in the attendance areas for independent charter high schools such Granada Hills, Pacific Palisades, Birmingham, and El Camino Real to assess the needs of their schools and local communities, freely discuss options, and make decisions concerning critical issues such as school climate, health, safety and protecting students and staff - discussions and decisions not currently available to neighboring affiliated charter high schools such as Sylmar, Taft, Cleveland, and Reseda;

Whereas, Public opinion research on school safety involving over 44,000 students, parents and school staff was conducted in October, 2020. Survey results showed a broad range of opinions about what public safety measures respondents preferred or made them feel most comfortable including key findings that, across the demographic subgroups surveyed, perceptions of the Los Angeles School Police Department were largely positive, and among parents and staff there was significant opposition to reducing the presence of school police;

Whereas, Attitudes toward school policing are likely viewed through the lens of perceived levels of campus safety and perceptions of school police, including the following:

- The broadly held view that campuses are generally safe before, during, and afterschool;
- High degrees of consensus that school police are engaged in emergency response activities and protecting campus perimeters, but less certainty around other areas of engagement; and
- Less familiarity with segments of the community that may be negatively impacted by school policing;

Whereas, In the 2019-2020 school year, out of 115,000 services calls, there were only 10 total complaints against school police from staff, parents or students;

Whereas, Each school site is responsible for developing a comprehensive safety plan based on the needs of the campus climate, which is reflective in the cornerstone value of the Community Schools model of local autonomy and decision making, yet school-based administrators have expressed profound unreadiness and a lack of empowerment as it relates to accessing all available resources to aid in optimizing school safety for their campuses in a way that aligns with the true spirit of local control;

Whereas, The Board and District staff - understanding that the District covers an area totaling 710 square miles, including most of the city of Los Angeles and all or portions of 26 cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County - are currently engaged in profound discussions about the need for equitable resource allocation based on the recognition that school communities have different needs based on unequal and different opportunities, resources and experiences; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the students, parents and staff who constitute the different and diverse school communities throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District be granted the authority and flexibility to discuss, determine and decide on the measures they believe will improve and maintain positive school climate and safety on their school campuses.

September \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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**Re: Board Resolution 220/21 - Support for School Police on District Campuses**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the need for School Police on our Middle School and High School Campuses for the following reasons:

1. School Policemen are given additional specialized training in the handling of adolescents and teenage students.
2. As students arrive at school, School Police are there to welcome them.
3. School Police make it their mission to learn who the students are and if there are any problems, either at home or at school. This knowledge allows them to intercede and help the student.
4. As our school campuses are locked down and there is only one entrance to the campus, the presence of School Police give a sense of comfort and safety on the campus to both the students and their families.
5. Without the immediate presence of the School Police, it could take up to 30 minutes for them to arrive in the event of an emergency.

We therefore recommend that there be School Policemen at all of our Middle School and High Schools.