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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

The Board shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the Directors present at a duly noticed regular or special Board meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Bonnie Klea (arrived 7:00 PM), Vinura Kotuwelle, Saif Mogri, Mark Neudorff, Alejandro Phillips, Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Miriam Schimmel, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

ABSENT: Clarice Chavira, Sriya Datla, Kent Mariconda, Rosi Mariconda, Bryan Newman, Bill Rose, Azarine Rushenas

President Charlene Rothstein called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and established quorum.

Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2023: Minutes approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood presented the report. There were no unusual expenses. She said the net remaining balance is \$25,974.43. Controller Saif Mogri said the MER matches the Controller's Report.

23-0010 - Approval of the WHNC's January 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER):

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes

Anthony Scarce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Absent
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 18, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 7, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The MER is approved.

Controller’s Report: Controller Saif Mogri presented the report.

Comments from the Co-Chair(s): President Rothstein said there will need to be a Board vote on meeting preference regarding in-person, electronic, or hybrid. She also said there may be a special Board meeting in place of the March Operations Committee meeting.

Mr. Jack Trent-Dorfman, Field Representative, State Assembly District 46: The second annual Day of Service Project is scheduled for Sunday, April 30 from 9 Am to Noon at Pierce College. The WHNC is invited to table. Assembly Member Gabriel is sponsoring 26 bills this legislative session; AB591, ‘EV charging for all’ will mandate a universal standard for charging stations for all EVs. AB1386 seeks to increase the availability of shelter beds.

Mr. Colin Crews, District Director, CD12: Copper wire theft is still rampant and CD12 has had more street light outages than any other council district. Councilmember Lee introduced a motion to have LAPD and the City Attorney report on an enforcement and prosecution strategy. He also introduced a motion to have the Bureaus of Street Services and Engineering report to the Public Works Committee on modifying the repaving policy to be more efficient and free up resources. He also requested a report on a plan to repair sidewalks without having to cut down the 11K trees in the original estimate.

Ms. Atziri Camarena, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: BONC has ruled on extending virtual meetings for 30 days. After March 29 NCs will have to return to in-person meetings. The NC election candidate filing period is open for the WHNC and DONE offers help to potential candidates having trouble filing and online candidate information sessions.

Public Comment: Jeff asked the Board to do research before taking a position on the Chaminade expansion. 1818****693 (Chris Rowe) discussed a 2013 lawsuit by a group of non-profits against DTSC and DHS concerning the SFL cleanup and claimed it has been the cause of a lengthy delay.

Certificate of Appreciation: (Ms. Sarah Martin, Ms. Tessa Charnofsky) Neither honoree was in attendance.

Announcements: None

Old Business:

22-0084 - WHNC participation in the Department of Water and Power Memorandum of Understanding – DWP MOU:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes

Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The WHNC participation in the DWP MOU is approved.

22-0085 - Appointment of Joanne Yvanek-Garb as the LADWP representative regarding the MOU and Saif Mogri as an alternate: No action taken as this was previously approved in October 2022.

23-0006, 0007, 0008, 0009 – No action taken as these items were considered previously.

New Business:

23-0011 - Approval the Event Approval Form and Budget in the amount of \$3,875.00 for the Special Events Committee – Senior Spring Fling Dinner Dance Event at West Valley Christian Church, on April 14, 2023 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM: Chris Rowe asked if this is an indoor event and commented on food service.

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

23-0012 - WHNC's participation and tabling in Springfest at Shadow Ranch Park on Saturday, April 1, 2023:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scearce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Abstain
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

23-0013 – Approval of the WHNC's participation and tabling in the Chatsworth Nature Preserve Earth Day Open House, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, April 1, 2023:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes

Anthony Scarce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

23-0014 – Approval of the Beautification Cleanup Event along the north side of Roscoe Boulevard between Fallbrook Avenue and Sale Avenue on March 25, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

23-0015 – Approval of the Beautification Cleanup Event in conjunction with Volunteers Cleaning Communities (“VCC”) along Sherman Way west of Fallbrook Avenue to Platt Avenue on April 22, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes

Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

23-0016 – Approval of the WHNC's participation by tabling in the upcoming Cleanup Event sponsored by both the Church at Rocky Peak and Pomelo Charter Elementary School on March 4, 2023, at the Pomelo campus from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM:

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Yes
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Scarce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The event is approved.

23-0017 – Approval of the Streets & Transportation Budget Request in the amount of \$750: Treasurer Greenwood explained determining which/whose budget allocation the funds will come from is still in process.

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	No
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	No
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	No
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes
Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Abstain
Steve Randall	No
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Searce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	No
Joan Trent	No
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 13, No – 6, Abstain – 1, Absent – 5, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The Budget Committee will look for funds for this request. No spending is approved at this time.

23-0018, 0019, 0020 – Items tabled to the April meeting as the CIS verbiage is not available.

23-0021 - State Senator Portantino’s bill SB411 amending the Brown Act and relationship to CF 23-0002 S16 and CF 23-0002 S17: Joanne Yvanek-Garb presented a letter she had written for the Board to send to the LA City Council (all 15 members), BONC, and DONE. A couple of wording changes were suggested and Joanne agreed to make them..

Roll Call Vote:

Aida Abkarians	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Sandi Bell	Yes
Dan Brin	Yes
Bob Brostoff	Yes
Clarice Chavira	Absent
Carolyn Greenwood	Yes
Glenn Jennings	Yes
Bonnie Klea	Absent
Vinura Kotuwelle	Yes
Kent Mariconda	Absent
Rosi Mariconda	Absent
Saif Mogri	Yes
Mark Neudorff	Yes

Bryan Newman	Absent
Alejandro Phillips	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Bill Rose	Absent
Charlene Rothstein	Yes
Anthony Searce	Yes
Miriam Schimmel	Yes
Myrl Schreibman	Yes
Joan Trent	Absent
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes

Yes – 18, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 7, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0
The letter is approved.

23-0022 - CF 22- 1285 Censure of a City Council Member: Item tabled to April.

President Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: January 2023

Budget Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$29373.85	\$2042.82	\$27331.03	\$1356.60	\$0.00	\$25974.43

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$36071.38	\$2001.60	\$22001.03	\$1356.60	\$20644.43
Outreach		\$41.22		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4830.00	\$0.00	\$4830.00	\$0.00	\$4830.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$12027.53	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	01/01/2023	Email Service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
2	Amazon.com LL6EE1VX3	01/21/2023	Frames for Certificates presented to the community.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$88.65
3	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	01/22/2023	WHNC email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$67.20
4	SMART AND FINAL 324	01/26/2023	Purchase for Beautification monthly cleanup	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$41.22
5	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	01/10/2023	WHNC Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1695.75
Subtotal:						\$2042.82

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	02/06/2023	WHNC Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$1356.60

	Item	Committee	Purpose	Budget	Balance	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Spent
21		Public Health												
22		Elections	Outreach	\$5,500.00										
		Total Spent												
	Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG's)													
23		Youth and Education	NPG's	\$4,500.00										
18A		Homelessness	NPG's	\$330.00										
	Community Improvement Projects (CIP's)													
20A		Streets&Transportation	CIP's											
24		Beautification	Cleanups	\$500.00	\$404.73					\$95.27				\$95.27
25		Beautification	Special Events											
	GRAND TOTAL			\$41,401.38	\$25,757.23	\$1,845.75	\$2,263.40	\$2,555.71	\$1,506.60	\$1,933.37	\$1,922.70	\$2,001.60	\$1,615.02	\$15,644.15



Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

JOSEPH M. RAMALLO
Senior Assistant General Manager –
Corporate Strategy and Communications

MARTIN L. ADAMS
General Manager and Chief Engineer

DATE: December 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Renewal of the Intra-City Memorandum of Understanding with Certified Neighborhood Councils

SUMMARY

Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) approval is requested of the attached Intra-City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Certified Neighborhood Councils (NC) and LADWP, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney. Also transmitted is a Resolution, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, authorizing approval of the MOU.

LADWP and the NC MOU Oversight Committee agreed to renew the MOU for an additional five-year period with modifications to continue to enhance effective two-way communications, transparency, and promote information sharing, mutual notice, and education.

The term of the amended MOU will be five years, effective on the date it is approved by the Board.

City Council approval is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt the Resolution approving the MOU between NC and LADWP.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The current five-year budget and rates plan includes funding for staffing to service the NC and ensure that the notifications and activities set forth in the MOU are met.

BACKGROUND

Article IX of the Los Angeles City Charter established the creation of a citywide system of NC to promote citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs. NC include representatives of many diverse interests in the community and have an advisory role on issues of concern to neighborhoods throughout the City.

As a leader among City departments and in an effort to further enhance communication with NC, in April 2005, the Board approved an MOU with NC that chose to enter into such a MOU. The MOU was amended in 2007, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney's Office, to extend the original MOU for a term of five years and is on file with the Secretary of the Board.

It was anticipated that over time, provisions of the MOU would need to be modified to further enhance effective communications between LADWP and certified NC that choose to enter into the MOU. The MOU was again amended in 2012 primarily to clarify the timeline relative to the neighborhood council rate action review period.

Since 2012, LADWP's efforts to comply with the provisions of the MOU continued to be commendable and appreciated. LADWP and NCs have agreed to renew the MOU for another five-year period with some additional modifications, to add expand topics for educational purposes and further clarify the NC rate review period.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15060(c)(3). In accordance with this section, an activity is not subject to CEQA if it does not meet the definition of a project. Section 15378(b)(2) states that continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as amending an advertising agreement scope of work to include translation and print services, does not meet that definition. Therefore, the approval to amend a scope of work for assistance from a qualified advertising firm to assist in the media planning and placement of advertising and marketing to promote awareness of LADWP, energy efficiency and water conservation efforts as well as LADWP programs and initiatives is not subject to CEQA.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the amended MOU and attached Resolution as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- MOU

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Los Angeles City Charter established the creation of a citywide system of neighborhood councils to promote citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local need; and

WHEREAS, as a leader amongst City departments and in an effort to provide better communication with neighborhood councils, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners approved an Amended Intra-City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between certified neighborhood councils and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Department) on April 17, 2012 and renewed the MOU on May 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said MOU is for a term of five years, the Department proposes to renew the MOU with modifications for an additional five-year term in an effort to continue to provide better communication with neighborhood councils; and

WHEREAS the Department is submitting for approval by this Board the Intra-City Memorandum of Understanding between certified neighborhood councils and the Department; and

WHEREAS the current five-year budget and rates plan already includes funding for staffing to service the Neighborhood Councils and ensure that the notifications and activities set forth in the MOU are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said MOU, which has been approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney and filed with the Secretary of the Board, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board, or the General Manager or such person as the General Manager shall designate in writing, together with the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or the Acting Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said MOU for and on behalf of the LADWP.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By _____


John A. Carvalho

11-20-22

INTRA-CITY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS AND LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

This five-year Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MOU") is mutually agreed upon by the City of Los Angeles acting by and through the Department of Water and Power ("LADWP") and Certified Neighborhood Councils, effective upon the date approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles.

RECITALS

Whereas Article IX of the charter of the City of Los Angeles and the implementing Regulations as currently set forth in Ordinances Nos. 174006 and 174975 provide that:

- (1) Information from the City should be sent to certified Neighborhood Councils as soon as practical so that certified neighborhood councils are afforded as much opportunity as is practical to provide comment before decisions are made;
- (2) Certified Neighborhood Councils may provide comment and feedback to the City Council, its committees, and to City boards and commissions by using the Early Notification System. The Neighborhood Council may communicate its views either by way of mailed letter, fax, E-mail or by a representative appearing in person to make a presentation on an item before the City's decision-makers; and
- (3) Neighborhood Councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible City departments, subject to their reasonable availability; and

Whereas LADWP and the Neighborhood Councils mutually agree that the People of the City of Los Angeles will benefit from increased communication and cooperation between LADWP and the Neighborhood Councils;

LADWP WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. LADWP Liaisons:
 - 1.1. LADWP will designate a person(s) as the primary point of contact with each Neighborhood Council ("LADWP Liaison"). LADWP will assign a primary LADWP Liaison to each of the seven Los Angeles Planning Districts. LADWP Liaisons may be assigned to more than one Neighborhood Council and Planning District.

- 1.2. The duties of an LADWP Liaison include (1) attending Regional Neighborhood Council Alliance Meetings (2) participating in board and committee meetings of Neighborhood Councils in their assigned districts regarding matters involving LADWP, upon request, (3) receiving requests for information, assistance or service from Neighborhood Councils in their district, transmitting the requests to the appropriate person(s) within LADWP, attempting to provide responses to the Neighborhood Council in a timely manner; and (4) processing requests for speakers or educational materials (as more fully described in Section 3, "EDUCATION," and Section 4, "DELIVERY OF SERVICES," below).
- 1.3. In order to assist the LADWP Liaison, Neighborhood Councils shall channel all requests for information through their LADWP liaison and the Neighborhood Councils shall make best efforts to notify the LADWP liaison of any requests made by their constituents through other means. This section shall not apply to homeowner requests for information relating to infrastructure issues, such as a short power outage or permit information.
- 1.4. Within 15 days after execution of this MOU, LADWP will provide notification of the name, telephone number, mailing address and e-mail address for each LADWP Liaison to the Neighborhood Councils.
- 1.5. Within 30 days after LADWP assigns a new person as an LADWP Liaison, LADWP will provide the name, telephone number, mailing address and e-mail address for each LADWP Liaison.

2. NOTIFICATION BY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER.

- 2.1. LADWP will provide notification as soon as practical of all matters that it deems to be significant, or any matter that the Neighborhood Council Oversight Committee, after a majority vote of the Committee, has informed LADWP in writing is significant. The majority vote of the Neighborhood Council Oversight Committee shall stay in effect unless and until a majority of the Neighborhood Councils that have entered into this MOU take official action (as defined in Section 6.1) deeming the matter not significant. Among the purposes of notification by LADWP is permitting Neighborhood Councils to have input into decisions by LADWP and to monitor the delivery of services by LADWP. A good faith effort will be made by both parties to abide by the timeframes in this MOU.

LADWP will provide notification as soon as practicable, but before the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (the "Board") adopts a major policy or program, or significant changes in an existing

major policy or program.

- 2.2. Unless otherwise specified below, LADWP will provide notification to all of the following recipients:
 - 2.2.1. The President/Chair of each Neighborhood Council, as determined by the Roster of Neighborhood Councils maintained and published by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ("DONE"); and
 - 2.2.2. Any Neighborhood Council member who requests to receive notification by signing up on the LADWP Neighborhood Council list server; and
 - 2.2.3. The Neighborhood Council Representative designated pursuant to Section 5.1 of this MOU.
- 2.3. LADWP shall provide notification through one or more of the following methods;
 - 2.3.1. Electronic mail;
 - 2.3.2. Posting of material on LADWP website with a link sent by electronic mail to recipients identified in Section 2.2 above.
 - 2.3.3. When LADWP provides notification by electronic mail, LADWP will use its best efforts to satisfy requests for notification by an alternate means, including U.S. mail, to persons who do not have access to e-mail or who are unable to download attachments to e-mail messages.
- 2.4. LADWP will use its best efforts to provide notification concerning the following documents not less than 90 days before they are finalized by LADWP:
 - 2.4.1. Ten-Year Capital Improvement Program. Every two or three years, the LADWP Water Services prepares a document entitled "Ten Year Capital Improvement Program." LADWP will use its best efforts to provide Neighborhood Councils with opportunity to have input into this document before it is finalized.
 - 2.4.2. Urban Water Management Plan. LADWP will use its best efforts to provide Neighborhood Councils with notice of public workshops relating to an Urban Management Plan as soon as they are scheduled.
 - 2.4.3. LADWP Power Strategic Long-Term Resources Plan

(SLTRP), which can be 10 to 25-year plans.

2.4.4. LADWP Power System Operations Business Plan that looks at near-term and long-term goals and objectives for replacing or upgrading aging distribution and transmission equipment and load growth improvements.

2.5. Local Issues

2.5.1. LADWP and the Neighborhood Councils recognize that many issues regarding LADWP services will be specific to individual neighborhoods. For such local issues, the Neighborhood Council Representatives will contact their LADWP Liaison.

2.5.2. The LADWP Liaison will direct the Neighborhood Council inquiry to the appropriate person or division within LADWP.

2.5.3. LADWP will use its best efforts to provide a response as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours after the inquiry is made. In the event additional time is required to provide a response that LADWP deems necessary for a complete response, preliminary information may be provided in the initial response.

2.5.4. If LADWP is unable to provide a substantive response within 48 hours, LADWP will use its best efforts to provide the Neighborhood Council with a status report every 14 days until a substantive or more complete response can be provided.

2.5.5. If provided ten (10) working days' notice, LADWP will use its best efforts to send a knowledgeable representative to attend a meeting of a Neighborhood Council, or a meeting of a committee of a Neighborhood Council, regarding service issues. If LADWP is not provided ten (10) working days' notice, LADWP will make its best efforts to accommodate requests that an LADWP representative attend a meeting. Attendance may be virtual if that option is available.

2.6. Planned Significant Projects within the City of Los Angeles

2.6.1. Significant Projects: LADWP will use its best efforts to provide notification to the affected Neighborhood Council(s) of Significant Projects 90 days prior to the commencement of work to be constructed within the City of Los Angeles. For purposes of this subsection, "Significant Projects" is defined as those projects, programs and activities that would require

either an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and excludes programs, projects and activities that would qualify for either a simple negative declaration or a categorical exemption.

2.6.2. Closing of Streets: LADWP will use its best efforts to notify the affected Neighborhood Council(s) when LADWP applies for an excavation permit that will involve the closing or partial closing of streets for 48 hours or more.

2.7. Unplanned Major Disruption of Services Lasting Four (4) Hours or More:

2.7.1. Where there is an unplanned major disruption of services lasting four hours or more, LADWP will share information upon request with the Neighborhood Council(s) in the affected area after the event/occurrence that caused the disruption of service.

2.8. Major Customer Programs: LADWP will use its best efforts to provide reasonable notification of changes or creation of Major Customer Programs. This includes, but is not limited to significant changes to customer programs such as renewable energy programs, energy efficiency programs, water recycling programs, water conservation programs etc.

2.9. The LADWP Budget Process

2.9.1. LADWP will use its best efforts to provide Neighborhood Councils with notification relating to the development of its annual budget at the same time as LADWP provides notification to other reviewing agencies, boards or bodies, including but not limited to the Board or City Council. In addition, LADWP will use its best efforts to provide specific notification to Neighborhood Councils as follows:

2.9.2. Stage One: Fall Budget Workshop.

2.9.2.1. In November or December of each year, LADWP will provide a Budget presentation to the NC MOU Oversight Committee.

2.9.2.2. During the Oversight Committee Meeting, LADWP will present information to Neighborhood Councils regarding the multi-year financial plans and the prior year proposed budget versus actual expenditures.

2.9.3. Stage Two: Spring Budget Workshop:

2.9.3.1. In March or April of each year, LADWP will provide a Budget presentation to the NC MOU Oversight Committee.

2.9.3.2. During the Oversight Committee, LADWP will provide further clarifications to any questions from the Neighborhood Councils regarding the upcoming fiscal year's budget, based upon the information provided at the Fall Budget Presentation. Neighborhood Councils will provide a written response to LADWP that includes, but is not limited to comments, suggestions, and/or objections for consideration in the development of the upcoming fiscal year's budget 60 days after the Fall Budget Presentation.

2.9.4. Draft Budget for Upcoming Fiscal Year. When materials for the upcoming fiscal year draft budgets are posted for review on LADWP'S website, LADWP will use its best efforts to provide notification to the Neighborhood Councils through the MOU Committee and Community Newsletter. The website will also contain the time and meeting location for the Board's Draft Budget and Financial Plans Review. It is LADWP's policy to post matters for review as soon as they are completed.

2.10. Rate Action

2.10.1. For the purposes of this section, "Rate Action" is defined to include changes in the rates, rate formulas, rate structures or rate tiers that must be approved by the City Council by ordinance and are used by LADWP in calculating the amount billed or charged to any residential or non-residential retail business customer. For example, this section does not include new business service rates, special contract rates, wholesale electric pricing, transmission pricing, special service contracts, outdoor area lighting rates, or other special fees that are not applicable by tariff. For purposes of this section, "outdoor area lighting rates" means lighting that retail customers wish to add to their property, and does not mean street lighting. A proposed Rate Action may be either fixed amounts or a range of alternative values.

2.10.2. LADWP will use its best efforts to provide notification to the

MOU Oversight Committee of any proposed Rate Action. Such notification will include the Rate Action and upon request, copies of the supporting documentation provided to the Board and the City Council for consideration:

(i) Sixty (60) days before the proposed rate action is considered for final approval by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners if the rate action is for a single year or

(ii) Ninety (90) days before the proposed rate action is considered for final approval by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners if the rate action is for multiple years.

2.10.3. The notice periods in 2.10.2 shall begin with a complete draft ordinance to be proposed to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

2.10.4. LADWP will use its best efforts to provide seven (7) days' notice to the MOU Oversight Committee of any meeting at which the Board is scheduled to take action on a proposed rate action.

3. EDUCATION

3.1. LADWP and the Neighborhood Councils intend for the education component of these Guidelines to be a reciprocal, shared, joint and mutual process. It is essential that the Neighborhood Councils have as full and complete an understanding as possible of how LADWP operates. The Neighborhood Councils shall offer LADWP a method for making information available to Neighborhood Council stakeholders.

3.2. LADWP may publish a monthly electronic newsletter, LADWP in the Community, focused on Neighborhood Council and community issues as they relate to LADWP. LADWP welcomes input from Neighborhood Councils on the content and focus of the newsletter. LADWP shall also make the newsletter available on the LADWP News website: www.ladwpnews.com.

3.3. LADWP Liaisons will educate Neighborhood Councils regarding the organization and workings of LADWP.

3.3.1. This could include such matters as the responsibilities of Water Services and Power Services and information relating to existing major policies or programs.

3.3.2. LADWP may provide such education through workshops, participation in Neighborhood Council Congresses, presentations at Neighborhood Council meetings, and distribution of written materials.

3.4. LADWP will use its best efforts to accommodate requests by Neighborhood Councils for speakers at Neighborhood Council meetings and events, virtual or in-person, to make presentations on areas of interest. Topics to be covered may include the following local as well as city-wide issues, including but not limited to:

- Urban Water Management Plans
 - San Fernando Basin Remediation
 - Local Water Supply Development
 - Owens Valley Dust Mitigation
 - Recycled Water Development
 - Water Conservation
 - Drought Response
- Water Quality Issues
- Pipe Replacement Program
- Water Services' Ten-Year Capital Budget
- Power Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan
 - Repower Local Power Plants
 - New Transmission Investments
 - Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Transition to 100% Clean Energy
 - LA100 Equity Strategies
 - Energy Efficiency Programs
 - Transportation & Building Electrification
- Power Reliability Program
- Overhead/Underground Conversion of Power Facilities
- Water and Electric Rates
- Security Issues
- Recreational Use of LADWP Facilities
- Customer Service Improvements
- Customer Information Systems
- Environment Stewardship
- Sustainable Practices
- Equity Metrics Data Initiative
- Integrated Human Resources Plan

3.5. Channel 35: LADWP will make use of Channel 35, including broadcasting all meetings of the Board and broadcasting informational programs.

3.6. LADWP Legislative Priorities. The activities of LADWP are governed by numerous federal, state and local statutes and

regulations. Neighborhood Councils will be provided information relating to proposed changes to statutes and regulations that may affect LADWP, upon request.

- 3.7. Educational Site Visits: LADWP may invite members of Neighborhood Councils or stakeholders to participate in site visits to LADWP facilities as LADWP deems appropriate considering safety and availability of LADWP representatives to support such site visits.

4. DELIVERY OF SERVICES

- 4.1. Pursuant to section 909 of the Los Angeles City Charter, Neighborhood Councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible officials of City departments, subject to their availability.
- 4.2. LADWP will hold-local or online meetings to discuss topics of interest. At these meetings, LADWP will
 - 4.2.1. Discuss planned maintenance programs, improvements in service, and improvements in infrastructure within the Planning Area.
 - 4.2.2. Provide Neighborhood Councils the opportunity to bring any matters of concern to the attention of LADWP. LADWP shall not be obligated to respond to any matter that is in litigation, potential litigation, a security issue, and/or covered by any applicable privilege including, but not limited to the attorney-client privilege.
 - 4.2.3. Review priorities for work in the communities and may suggest adjustments as permitted by budgetary and reliability constraints.
 - 4.2.4. As appropriate, consider the results of these discussions in development of LADWP's capital improvement program for future infrastructure improvements.
 - 4.2.5. Discuss reliability improvement projects and share information on various incentive programs available to customers for energy efficiency, solar, green power, water conservation, and outdoor area lighting.
- 4.3. Measurement of Delivery of Services:
 - 4.3.1. Upon request, LADWP will identify and provide to the Neighborhood Councils the standards it uses to measure its

performance.

- 4.3.2. Upon request, LADWP will identify and provide existing, readily-available, nonproprietary reports regarding LADWP's performance.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

5. Neighborhood Council Representatives

- 5.1. Each Neighborhood Council shall designate a person as the point of contact for communications with LADWP. Each Neighborhood Council is responsible for determining how this person ("NC Representative") is designated.
- 5.2. Each Neighborhood Council will provide the name, mailing address, phone numbers(s) and e-mail address of its representative to the designated LADWP Liaisons(s) that is responsible for interfacing with such Neighborhood Council. In order to assure good communication, updated contact information will be provided to the assigned LADWP Liaison(s).
- 5.3. Neighborhood Council representatives will use their best efforts to provide annual NC Board membership and contact information to the Department of Water and Power.
- 5.4. The Neighborhood Council MOU Committee will designate a single representative to serve as designee for reserving meeting rooms at LADWP facilities, and maintaining required compliance with LADWP Commuter and Reservation Office room reservation procedures.

6. NOTIFICATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS ON LADWP ISSUES:

- 6.1. LADWP will recognize official actions taken by Certified Neighborhood Councils. "Official Actions" are actions adopted by motion at a public meeting held in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act.
- 6.2. If a Neighborhood Council, or a committee of a Neighborhood Council, intends to include on any meeting agenda any matter relating to LADWP, that Neighborhood Council shall provide 14 days notice to LADWP before the Neighborhood Council, or committee of a Neighborhood Council, takes any official action on

that matter.

6.2.1. At this meeting, LADWP will request the opportunity to present LADWP's position on the matter raised by the Neighborhood Council, including giving an LADWP representative a reasonable amount of time to make a presentation.

7. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RESPONSE TO LADWP NOTIFICATIONS:

- 7.1. The purpose of many of the LADWP notifications described in Section 2 above is to give Neighborhood Councils the opportunity to provide input before decisions are made by LADWP. In reciprocation, the Neighborhood Councils will use their best efforts to provide this input to LADWP in a timely manner, so that LADWP may consider their input. The President of the Neighborhood Council or his/her authorized representative will give said notifications after a vote by the Neighborhood Council approving the position of the Neighborhood Council. This notification shall be forwarded by the President of the Neighborhood Council or his/her authorized representative to the General Manager for consideration.
- 7.2. Where LADWP has provided the Neighborhood Councils with notification pursuant to any of section of this MOU, each Neighborhood Council will make its best efforts to provide written input to LADWP within 60 days after receipt, unless otherwise provided by this MOU.
- 7.3. Neighborhood Councils also can monitor LADWP's provision of services on a citywide level through the Neighborhood Council's participation in the annual budget process and development of other long-term plans, discussed in section 2, above.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS' LADWP OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

- 8.1. Each Neighborhood Council will independently decide whether to enter into this MOU and do so with a Resolution and Board Action Certificate.
- 8.2. Due to the large number of Neighborhood Councils, it will be impractical for each Neighborhood Council to separately negotiate any modifications to the MOU with LADWP, and for LADWP to separately negotiate modifications with each Neighborhood Council. The Neighborhood Council Oversight Committee will be responsible for any modifications to the MOU.
- 8.3. The members of the Neighborhood Councils' LADWP Oversight

anticipated that the provisions of this MOU will be modified and extended to enhance effective communication between the parties.

11. STATEMENT REGARDING BEST EFFORTS.

11.1. While this MOU contains non-binding compliance dates, both LADWP and the Neighborhood Councils pledge to make their best efforts to comply with all of the provisions of the MOU. Both parties recognize that no cause of action can arise by the failure of either party to comply with any provision of this MOU. This MOU shall not establish any rights for any third party that is not a signatory to this MOU.

12. EMERGENCY

12.1. If an emergency is declared by the General Manager, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners or the City Council, all obligations under this agreement shall be suspended until the emergency is over.

13. COUNTERPARTS AND SIGNATURES

13.1 This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, and by the parties in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. The parties further agree that facsimile signatures or signatures scanned into .pdf (or signatures in another electronic format designated by LADWP) and sent by e-mail shall be deemed original signatures

This MOU was executed in the City of Los Angeles, California by the parties and on the dates set forth below:

Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER OF
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

BY

BOARD OF WATER AND POWER
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES

By: _____

MARTIN L. ADAMS
General Manager and Chief Engineer

Date: _____

And: _____

CHANTE L. MITCHELL
Board Secretary

Date December 21, 2022



Neighborhood Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By  _____,
JOHN A. CARVALHO, Deputy City Attorney

Date: _____ 12-20-22 _____

February 28, 2023

Re: Renewal of the Intra-City Memorandum of Understanding with Certified Neighborhood Councils

Mr. Martin L. Adams

General Manager and Chief Engineer

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Dear Mr. Adams:

Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) approval is requested of the attached Intra-City Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Certified Neighborhood Councils (NC) and LADWP, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney. Also transmitted is a Resolution, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, authorizing approval of the MOU.

LADWP and the NC MOU Oversight Committee agreed to renew the MOU for an additional five-year period with modifications to continue to enhance effective two-way communications, transparency, and promote information sharing, mutual notice, and education.

The term of the amended MOU will be five years, effective on the date it is approved by the Board.

We therefore resolve that the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) adopt this resolution to approve the MOU between the LADWP and WHNC.

Our board has appointed Joanne M. Yvanek-Garb as the Representative and Saif Mogri as the Alternate Representative.

Sincerely,

Charlene Rothstein

WHNC Board President



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AB 2449: New Brown Act Rules for a Zoom-Friendly World

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On September 13, 2022, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 2449 (Rubio) (“AB 2449”) into law, amending certain portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) relating to teleconference participation by members of legislative bodies for and during public meetings. The new law amends existing requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953 to facilitate virtual meetings in the absence of a state of emergency by removing some of the barriers that proved to be burdensome and unrealistic during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, Government Code section 54953 set out various requirements for members of a legislative body participating in public meetings through teleconferencing. It allowed for teleconference meetings under the “traditional rules” and under “AB 361.” To quickly review, the traditional teleconference rules include: (1) posting meeting agendas at all teleconference locations; (2) identifying all teleconference locations in the notice and agenda; and (3) making accessible each teleconference location to the public. AB 361 allowed legislative bodies to conduct their meetings via teleconference without adhering to the requirements listed above; however, AB 361 only applied during a declared state of emergency.

AB 2449 creates an opportunity for less than a majority of the board (up to 2 members of a 5-member board; up to 3 members of a 7-member board) to attend via teleconference under certain conditions when the majority of the board (a quorum) participates from a single physical location open to the public. When a quorum of the legislative body participates in a physical location open to the public, AB 2449 authorizes the remaining board members to participate remotely under two specific circumstances:

(1) **Just cause:** The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest possible opportunity, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for “just cause,” including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A member of the legislative body may not use the provisions of this clause for more than two meetings per calendar year.

“Just cause” is defined as any one of the following circumstances: (1) childcare or caregiving of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely; (2) a contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person; (3) a need related to a physical or mental disability; or (4) travel while on business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

(2) **Emergency Circumstances:** The member requests the legislative body to allow them to participate in the meeting remotely due to “emergency circumstances,” and the legislative body takes action to approve the request. “Emergency circumstances” means a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person. The legislative body shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member’s need to appear remotely at the given meeting. This description generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt under existing law. For the purposes of this clause, the following requirements apply:

(a) A member shall make a request to participate remotely at a meeting pursuant to this clause as soon as possible.

(b) the legislative body may take action on a request to participate remotely at the earliest opportunity. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action by majority vote on the emergency circumstances request at the beginning of the meeting.

AB 2449 imposes additional teleconferencing requirements, similar to the requirements imposed under AB 361, when less than a majority attends remotely for “just cause” or “emergency circumstances,” as described above. The additional requirements include, but are not limited to:

- The legislative body must provide a way for the public to remotely hear, visually observe, and remotely address the legislative body, either by a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting.
- When providing notice of the time and agenda of a meeting, the legislative body must also provide notice of how the public can access the meeting and offer comments. The agenda must identify and include an opportunity for the public to attend and directly address the legislative body through a call-in option, an internet-based service option, and in-person. The legislative body also may not require public comments to be submitted **prior** to the meeting but must provide an opportunity for the public to address the body in real time.
- The legislative body must implement a procedure for receiving and resolving requests for reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities, and must give notice of such procedure in each instance notice of the meeting time is given or an agenda is posted.
- Members participating through remote teleconferencing must participate through both audio and visual technology and members must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member and the general nature of the member’s relationship with the individual.

Please note that these provisions will only be required if a member of a legislative body is participating by teleconferencing due to “just cause” or “emergency circumstances.” Legislative bodies may always meet via teleconference by following the “traditional rules,” and AB 361’s state of emergency authorization remains valid until January 1, 2024.

AB 2449 provides that a member may not participate in meetings solely by teleconference due to “just cause” or “emergency circumstances” for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year. If the legislative body regularly meets less than 10 times a year, a board member may not participate remotely in more than two meetings.

The provisions of AB 2449 will remain in effect until January 1, 2026.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government 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, recognizing that virtual meetings have allowed much easier access to the neighborhood council process for Angelenos, with far more members of the public participating in each meeting from the convenience of their own home—creating greater equity in the process and fostering the health of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, AB-2449 last year made amendments but failed to specifically address the needs of the Neighborhood Council system; and

WHEREAS, the 99 Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles all have unique communities, needs, technology abilities, access to public meeting spaces; and

WHEREAS, in person meetings may jeopardize the health and safety of vulnerable Angelenos, due to ongoing risk from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is not realistic to expect the Neighborhood Council system to be able to carry out “hybrid” meetings effectively, both due to budget and technology limitations; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils wish to have the option to meet virtually in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the ability for Neighborhood Councils to meet virtually will end with state and local emergency orders expiring; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program, Sponsorship or Support for legislation to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to permit the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system to choose to operate remote meetings indefinitely.

PRESENTED BY:



HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ
Councilmember, 13th District



JOHN LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, prior to the outset of the COVID pandemic, the Ralph M. Brown Act placed such significant restrictions on the use of teleconferencing or virtual meetings that this tool was rarely used; in particular, the Brown Act required that all teleconferencing locations be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, when COVID restrictions prevented in-person meetings, on March 17, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order #N-29-20, which modified the Brown Act to permit local governing bodies to meet virtually; the State Legislature subsequently enacted AB 361, which would until January 1, 2024 authorize virtual meetings, but only during a declared state of emergency and when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or when meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and the State Legislature most recently enacted AB 2449, which allows for virtual participation by individual members of a local legislative body, but only upon a showing of just cause and for a limited number of meetings, and still requires a quorum of the legislative body to meet in a physical location that is open to the public; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 and AB 2449 fail to fully recognize that virtual meetings make it easier for people to participate in local government meetings as members of the public, and because the Brown Act applies to boards, commissions and advisory bodies created by a local legislative body, the strict limits on virtual meetings also reduces the pool of people who are able to serve on these bodies; and

WHEREAS, these restrictions on virtual meetings especially burden people with family care obligations, less-flexible work schedules, physical limitations and/or who do not have access to a car, which is a particular problem in jurisdictions like the City of Los Angeles whose residents are spread across large geographic areas; and allowing virtual meeting has especially benefited the 99 Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils with nearly 2,000 volunteer Board members;

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles, public attendance and comment has increased substantially during the period during which virtual meetings have become standard practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislative action that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to continue to


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conduct most meetings virtually in the absence of any special circumstances, subject to appropriate safeguards to ensure full and robust opportunities for public participation, including by persons who lack means of digital access.

CO-PRESENTED BY: 
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

CO-PRESENTED BY: 
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: 

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If CIS approved, proposed language to include in CIS:

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports urgent changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act which would allow Neighborhood Councils the option, at the Neighborhood Council's discretion, to hold board and committee meetings either remotely (i.e. via telephone or online) without disclosing our location or other personal information, or in-person, including the following reasons:

1. Neighborhood Council board members are unpaid volunteers who often have obligations beyond volunteer duties, such as self-care, child and elder care and work obligations.
2. Neighborhood Council board members may have transportation or mobility limitations that make physical attendance difficult or impossible.
3. Remote access to meetings allows more stakeholders to participate in meetings and to serve on boards.
4. In-person meetings should be at the Neighborhood Council's discretion as they may pose a danger to some of the board members.
5. The Ralph M. Brown Act's requirement that each teleconference location be identified and accessible to the public is outdated and poses a danger to board members who volunteer to participate in a Neighborhood Council.

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Spending Request Form

Please print legibly or type

Date of submission:

Committee Name:

Chairperson/Stakeholder:

Date Approved by Committee:

Phone:

Email:

Event/Activity

Total Amount Requested:

Budget Line Item:

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

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List all expense items, quantities, and amounts:

Item & Quantity	Amount
<input type="text" value="VENUE"/>	<input type="text" value="500.00"/>
<input type="text" value="FOOD"/>	<input type="text" value="1300.00"/>
<input type="text" value="DJ"/>	<input type="text" value="400.00"/>
<input type="text" value="INSURANCE"/>	<input type="text" value="300.00"/>
<input type="text" value="TABLEWARE"/>	<input type="text" value="375.00"/>
<input type="text" value="DECORATIONS & TABLE CENTERPIECES"/>	<input type="text" value="650.00"/>
<input type="text" value="VIDEOGRAPHER"/>	<input type="text" value="350.00"/>

For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved

Budget Approved

Board Approved



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 • 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; Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): N/A

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Event Information

Event Title and Description: Beautification Committee March 2023 Cleanup

Date: 03/25/23 Time Frame: 8:30am - 11:30am Est. number of attendees: 25 Event Budget: \$ -0-

Venue Name: WHNC Beautification Committee March 25, 2023 Clean-up

Venue Address: 23501 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA 91307 - North side of Roscoe between Fallbrook and Sale

Contact Person: Faye Barta & Brad Vanderhoof

Phone: (818) 887-7811 Email: Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org; 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 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.

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I have read and understand the requirements set forth in this document and agree to comply with the required paperwork necessary for Neighborhood Council events.

Signature:  Date: ~~January 20, 2022~~ 2/21/23
 Print Name: Faye Barta and Brad Vanderhoof Title: Co-Chairs, Beautification Committee
 Email: Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org Phone: 818-887=7811

For Staff Use Only: Approved Denied Code: _____

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EVENT APPROVAL REQUEST FORM



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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 • 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 & Brad Vanderhoof

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

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): N/A

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Event Information

Event Title and Description: Beautification Committee April 2023 Cleanup

Date: 04/22/23 Time Frame: 8:30am - 11:30am Est. number of attendees: 25 Event Budget: \$ --0-

Venue Name: WHNC Beautification Committee April 23, 2023 Clean-Up

Venue Address: Sherman Way west of Fallbrook to Platt Ave.

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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.

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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Budget Request For 2022-2023

Please print legibly or type

Date of submission: July 22, 2022

Committee Name: Streets & Transportation

Date Committee approved: , 2022

Chairpersons: Brostoff / Scearce

Amount Requested: \$ 3,700

List of Items Budgeted with Costs:

Traffic Control Cabinet Painting \$750

Safety Fair \$1,300

Streets Tabling Events and Forums \$500

Total **\$2,550**

Notes:

Independent Redistricting Process / New Commission / New Redistricting Maps / City of Los Angeles / April 2023 Special Election

City Council File #23-0002-S1 Introduced 10/28/2022

CIS Approved by GRC on 12/19/2022

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, in light of recent discussions about the City of Los Angeles’s redistricting process, it is necessary that the City reexamines the current redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City moves toward an independent redistricting process; and

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WHEREAS, this Commission was directed to draw districts that are geographically contiguous and to “encourage geographical compactness”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission itself was selected through an impartial process aimed at maintaining transparency through the process; and

WHEREAS, given the recent Charter and city governance reform policies that the City is exploring, the Citizens Redistricting Commission is a model that could provide the transparency and assurance of the City’s independent redistricting efforts. Such a commission would be able to represent the needs of the community, separate from outside influences and agencies;

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 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and SUPPORT of any legislation applicable to any city with a population greater than three million which would urge the State of California through an emergency clause to move forward expeditiously on a Bill structured similarly to Senate Bill (SB) 958 “County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission” (Lara - Hall) that creates an independent process with a new commission and new redistricting maps for the City of Los Angeles before the April 2023 special election.

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PRESENTED BY

Monica Rodriguez

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

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Notes:

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) / Antisemitism Definition Adoption

City Council File #22-1241 Introduced 10/19/2022; Adopted by City Council on 11/02/2022

GRC approved CIS Submission FOR on 12/19/2022

RESOLUTION

INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has consistently been at the forefront of efforts to uphold the human rights of all people and has specifically condemned historic events such as, the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, the genocide in Biafra, Darfur, and others; and

WHEREAS, over many years the City of Los Angeles has worked to expand protections and rights of all Angelenos, advocated for fair and humane treatment of immigrants, and stood against the defamation of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community, and Asian and Jewish communities, among others; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) tabulated 2,717 antisemitic incidents in the United States, a 34 percent increase from the 2,026 incidents tabulated in 2020, and the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest report released by the California Attorney General, hate crimes reported statewide increased 32 percent from 2020 to 2021 and are at their highest reported level since 2001, and among hate crime events involving a religious bias, anti-Jewish bias events were the most prevalent and increased by 32 percent in 2021; and

WHEREAS, contemporary manifestations of antisemitism may include: calling for, aiding, or justifying the harming of Jews; making dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews; denying the fact, scope, mechanisms, or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people during the Holocaust; accusing Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust; accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations; denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination; applying double standards by requiring of Israel a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation; using symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism; drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis; accusing Jews of being responsible for wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group; or holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), an international, intergovernmental organization, has established a non-legally binding definition of antisemitism that has been adopted by 37 United Nations member countries, including the United States, and 320 non-federal government entities, including 22 States within the U.S. and several cities; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA definition of antisemitism serves as an important tool for law enforcement, public officials, and community members to help identify, measure, monitor, and ultimately combat antisemitism;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council adopts the non-legally binding International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, which reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council requests City departments, staff, elected and appointed officials, and contract agencies to familiarize themselves with the IHRA definition of antisemitism, associated IHRA reference materials, examples, and articles, and incorporate their use where appropriate.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Kretz
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: Bob Blumenfeld

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DIVISION MANAGER

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 22-1241

Council Meeting Date: November 1, 2022

Agenda Item No.: 38

Agenda Description: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (KORETZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative the non-legally binding International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism and related matters.

Council Action: RESOLUTION (KORETZ - BLUMENFIELD) - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	YES	Bonin	YES	Buscaino
ABSENT	Cedillo	ABSENT	de León	YES	Harris-Dawson
YES	Hutt	YES	Koretz	YES	Krekorian
ABSENT	Lee	YES	O'Farrell	YES	Price Jr.
YES	Raman	YES	Rodriguez		

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

Adopted Report(s) Title
Resolution (Koretz - Blumenfield) dated 10-19-22

Notes:

Orange List / Expensive Veterinary Care / Sick and Injured Animals
City Council File #22-1179 Introduced 10/07/2022; Adopted 11/08/2022
GRC approved CIS Submission FOR on 12/19/2022

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, & ANIMAL WELFARE

MOTION

The Department of Animal Services maintains a primarily color-coded system to identify the status of animals in its care at any given time. The Green List is for adoptable animals. The Red List is for animals in danger of being euthanized within 48 hours. The FAS list is for animals suffering from fear, anxiety, or stress and are in danger of being moved to the Red List. The Orange List is for animals in need of serious veterinary care which the Department can't provide. The Blue List is for animals experiencing any kind of ailment.

The Department uses these lists to notify staff, New Hope Partners, and, in some cases, other rescuers and the public, of each animal's current status in the shelter system. In recent years, Red-listed animals are almost always pulled from the shelters before a decision would have to be made on euthanizing them.

However, based upon a recent review of City animal shelter operations, the Orange List, whose animals by policy are supposed to be brought to the attention of New Hope Partners, appears to be inconsistently shared with a wider audience that could provide these sick or injured animals a better chance of survival.

The Department has an important program called Good Samaritan whereby members of the public can step in and provide unwell animals the veterinary care they need. However, it does not appear to be being widely implemented. It's also not clear that would-be Good Samaritans regularly are made aware of Orange-listed animals.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Department of Animal Services to fully utilize the Orange list to be sure that organizations and individual who would be willing to cover the costs of expensive vet care are always notified and given the opportunity to save the lives of these sick and injured animals.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY:



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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 22-1179

Council Meeting Date: November 4, 2022

Agenda Item No.: 19

Agenda Description: CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE relative to fully utilizing the Orange List to be sure that organizations and individual who would be willing to cover the costs of expensive vet care are always notified and given the opportunity to save the lives of these sick and injured animals.

Council Action: COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

ABSENT	Blumenfield	YES	Bonin	YES	Buscaino
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HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

Adopted Report(s) Title
Communication from Chair, PAAW Committee 10-24-22

Community Impact Statement Council File 20-1114

Closure of West Valley Animal Shelter

Twenty years ago, LA voters approved Measure F, a funding source of nearly \$533 million in bond funding for major upgrades of the City shelters, \$154 million specifically earmarked for construction and rehabilitation of animal shelters. Not surprisingly, there is almost NO money left. Also not surprisingly, the City

including that of the Dept. of Animal Services, and it is now predicted these changes s current financial situation has caused many changes to operating budgets could cause the PERMANENT shutdown of the West Valley Animal Shelter. Both Valley shelters service 40% of the total area of the City where population has reached 1.77 million people. Last year, East Valley shelter impounded 14,605 animals; West Valley shelter impounded 9,320. If the West Valley shelter were closed, East Valley shelter could NOT accommodate the burden of 24,000 animals and West Valley residents would be forced to drive many miles for animal services. This motion will force the Department of Animal Services to immediately report its long-term plan for the West Valley Animal Shelter.
s fire stations and animal

MOTION BY THE WHNC BOARD

PER THE BOARD VOTE

West Hills Neighborhood Council strongly supports the motion to require the Department of Animal Services to immediately prepare and report its long-term plan for

handling approximately 24,000 animals in the West and East Valley and, more specifically, as the East Valley would not be able to accommodate the full burden of impounded animals without serious effects that the closure of the West Valley shelter would cause, we strongly support the West Valley shelter remain open with full services.

YES - 17

NO - NONE

ABSENT - 3

ABSTENTIONS - 3

Introduced by Senator Portantino
(Coauthor: Senator Menjivar)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Luz Rivas)

February 9, 2023

An act to add Section 54953.4 to the Government Code, relating to local government, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 411, as introduced, Portantino. Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.

Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Existing law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined.

Existing law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency or in other situations related to public health that exempt a legislative body from the general requirements (emergency provisions) and impose different requirements for notice,

agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The emergency provisions specify that they do not require a legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

Existing law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency’s jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body.

This bill would authorize a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. The bill would alternatively define “legislative body” for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the act.

Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 54953.4 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

1 54953.4. (a) (1) A legislative body included in subdivision
2 (c) may use teleconferencing without complying with paragraph
3 (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953 if the legislative body
4 complies with paragraph (2) of this section.

5 (2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this
6 subdivision shall do all of the following:

7 (A) In each instance in which notice of the time of the
8 teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the
9 meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give
10 notice of the means by which members of the public may access
11 the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify
12 and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in
13 option or an internet-based service option.

14 (B) In the event of a disruption that prevents the legislative body
15 from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the
16 call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of
17 a disruption within the local agency's control that prevents
18 members of the public from offering public comments using the
19 call-in option or internet-based service option, the legislative body
20 shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting
21 agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or
22 internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda
23 items during a disruption that prevents the legislative body of a
24 neighborhood council from broadcasting the meeting may be
25 challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

26 (C) The legislative body shall not require public comments to
27 be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an
28 opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer
29 comment in real time.

30 (D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to
31 provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or
32 other online platform, not under the control of the legislative body,
33 that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be
34 required to register as required by the third-party internet website
35 or online platform to participate.

36 (E) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment
37 period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment
38 period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant
39 to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed
40 public comment period has elapsed.

1 (ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public
2 comment period, but takes public comment separately on each
3 agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda
4 item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public
5 comment, including time for members of the public to register
6 pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the
7 purpose of providing public comment.

8 (iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public
9 comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item
10 shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to
11 register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general
12 public comment period has elapsed.

13 (3) This subdivision shall not be construed to require the
14 legislative body to provide a physical location from which the
15 public may attend or comment.

16 (b) The legislative body shall comply with all other requirements
17 of Section 54953.

18 (c) As used in this section, “legislative body” means a board,
19 commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership
20 of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and
21 which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject
22 to this chapter. As used in this subdivision, “advisory body”
23 includes, but is not limited to, a neighborhood council that is an
24 advisory body with the purpose to promote more citizen
25 participation in government and make government more responsive
26 to local needs that is established pursuant to the charter of a city
27 with a population of more than 3,000,000 people that is subject to
28 this chapter.

29 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of
30 this act, which adds Section 54953.4 to the Government Code,
31 imposes a limitation on the public’s right of access to the meetings
32 of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies
33 within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California
34 Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the
35 Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest
36 protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

37 During the COVID-19 public health emergency, audio and video
38 teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in
39 lieu of physical location meetings, and those public meetings have
40 been productive, increased public participation by all members of

1 the public regardless of their location and ability to travel to
2 physical meeting locations, increased the pool of people who are
3 able to serve on these bodies, and protected the health and safety
4 of civil servants and the public. Extending the operation of
5 teleconference as conducted during the COVID-19 public health
6 emergency for bodies of local agencies with appointed membership
7 will continue these benefits.

8 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of
9 this act, which adds Section 54953.4 to the Government Code,
10 furthers, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b)
11 of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes
12 of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public
13 access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of
14 local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7)
15 of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California
16 Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

17 During the COVID-19 public health emergency, audio and video
18 teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in
19 lieu of physical location meetings, and those public meetings have
20 been productive, increased public participation by all members of
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23 able to serve on these bodies, and protected the health and safety
24 of civil servants and the public. Extending the operation of
25 teleconference as conducted during the COVID-19 public health
26 emergency for bodies of local agencies with appointed membership
27 will continue these benefits.

28 SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
29 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
30 the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall
31 go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

32 Virtual meetings have allowed much easier access to appointed
33 bodies of local agencies with far more members of the public
34 participating in each meeting. This has created greater equity in
35 the process and fostered the health of our democracy. In-person
36 meetings may jeopardize the health and safety of vulnerable
37 citizens due to ongoing risks of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Letter to support SB411 - Portantino's bill

Councilmember John Lee

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The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the acceptance of SB411 - sponsored by Senator Portantino

Dear Councilmember Lee:

The State of California has lifted the emergency provisions that governmental agencies meet only by teleconferencing only. Senate Bill 411 modifies the Brown Act to allow Neighborhood Councils to meet in person as well as allowing them to meet teleconferencing.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the acceptance of SB411 – modifying the Brown Act to grant the flexibility to Neighborhood Councils in the city of Los Angeles to conduct meet in person as well as teleconferencing. We also request that the City Council sponsor a council file supporting SB411.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Charlene Rothstein

President, West Hills Neighborhood Council

Letter to be sent to all Council members

Notes:

Rules of the City Council / Censured Councilmember / Charter Amendment

City Council File #22-1285 introduced 10/26/2022

Approved by City Council on 01/11/2023

GRC approved CIS Submission FOR on 12/19/2022

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

MOTION

Pursuant to Section 209 of the Charter, the City Council introduced a resolution to censure Councilmembers Cedillo, De Leon, and Martinez on October 11, 2022 for their conduct during a secretly recorded meeting in October 2021. During the October 2021 meeting, the above Councilmembers and then Los Angeles County Federation of Labor President Ron Herrera made racist and homophobic remarks about colleagues and constituents, as well as discussed manipulating Council District boundaries to weaken the strength of Black voters, renters, and other communities. Nury Martinez has since resigned as the Councilmember of Council District 6, but despite widespread calls for their resignations, Councilmembers Cedillo and De Leon have chosen to remain in their positions.

Today, an Ad Hoc Committee considered the Council's censure resolution. The Ad Hoc Committee has moved forward with censuring these members, and taken the time to devise what tools are at the Council's disposal as it relates to reaffirming and strengthening the impact of censures moving forward. The censured Councilmembers' conduct severely undermined confidence in our City's leadership and redistricting process, among other issues. For this reason, it is imperative that the City takes the necessary steps to use the full extent of its power under its censure procedures and any other relevant rules to prevent this and other types of abuse of power in the future. To this end, and pursuant to Council Rule 77, the Council should explore amending the Rules of the City Council to establish consequences associated with censures.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney report with recommendations that amend the Rules of the City Council to include a list of potential consequences that can be imposed upon a censured Councilmember, including but not limited to, the following:

- Limiting a censured Councilmember's ability to use discretionary funds and authorize contracts;
- Restricting a censured Councilmember's participation in Council Committees until the end of their term, or until the Council overturns their censure; and
- Limiting a censured Councilmember's ability to introduce certain types of Motions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request that the City Attorney report with recommendations that amend the City Charter as it relates to censure.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, provide an opinion on whether the Council has the authority to implement any proposed consequences upon a censured Councilmember until the end of their term, or for a duration of time until the censure is overturned.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney report on the steps necessary to effectuate changes to the Rules of the City Council as it relates to Censure.

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 22-1285

Council Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

Agenda Item No.: 17

Agenda Description: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT relative to Motion (Harris-Dawson - Krekorian - Bonin) relative to amending the Rules of the City Council to include a list of potential consequences that can be imposed upon a censured Councilmember, and related matters.

Council Action: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT - ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY MOTION (HERNANDEZ – SOTO-MARTÍNEZ)

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	NO	de León	YES	Harris-Dawson
YES	Hernandez	YES	Hutt	YES	Krekorian
YES	Lee	YES	McOsker	YES	Park
YES	Price Jr.	YES	Raman	NO	Rodriguez
YES	Soto-Martínez	YES	Yaroslavsky		

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

Adopted Report(s) Title
Amending Motion (Hernandez - Soto-Martínez)_01-11-23

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform_12-8-22

CHAPTER XIV CENSURE PROCEDURES FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL 87.

Disapproval The Council may adopt a resolution of disapproval in the same way as provided for the adoption of any resolution, provided that the Councilmember who is the subject of the resolution is permitted to speak in his or her defense prior to action on the motion for adoption of the resolution. However, the fact that the Councilmember who is the subject of a disapproval resolution does not choose to respond to the resolution or does not attend the meeting at which the resolution is to be adopted shall not prevent the Council from adopting the resolution, provided the Councilmember had actual notice of the inclusion of the resolution on the agenda and had a reasonable opportunity to attend the meeting.

88. Censure A request for censure of a member of the Council may be submitted to the City Clerk by any member of the Council. The request shall contain the specific charges on which the proposed censure is based. The request for censure shall be considered by a five member ad hoc Committee of the Council established by the President of the Council or, if the President is the subject of the censure, then established by the President Pro Tempore. The ad hoc Committee shall not include the member making the request or the member who is the subject of the request. The City Clerk shall deliver a copy of the request for censure and the charges to each member of the Council at least 72 hours prior to the first meeting of the ad hoc Committee at which the request will be first considered. The Committee shall permit testimony from both the member making the request and the member subject to the request and shall determine whether: (a) further investigation of the charges is required in order to determine if a censure hearing is warranted; or (b) the matter is to be set for censure hearing; or (c) no further action should be taken with respect to the request. The Committee shall present its recommendations to the Council for its consideration and action as provided below.

If the ad hoc Committee determines no further action should be taken with respect to the request, the Committee shall report that to the Council at its earliest opportunity. If the Committee determines that further investigation is required, the Committee shall conduct an investigation, arrive at its recommendation, and report its conclusions, findings and a summary of its proceedings to the Council at its earliest opportunity. If the ad hoc Committee does not report its recommendations and findings to the Council within 30 days of the formation of the Committee and receipt of the request for censure, the matter shall automatically be sent to the Council for its consideration.

Upon receipt of the report of the ad hoc Committee, or at the expiration of the time for the ad hoc Committee to report, Council shall place the matter on its agenda to determine whether or not a censure hearing is warranted. If the Council decides to set the matter for a censure hearing, it shall schedule it no sooner than two weeks after its determination to hear the matter. It may not schedule the matter during any previously scheduled excused absence of the subject Councilmember. Written notice of the hearing shall be delivered in person to the member of the Council subject to the censure hearing or to the member's City office as least ten (10) days in advance of the scheduled hearing.

COUNCIL RULES 24 At the censure hearing, the member of the Council who is the subject of the request

for censure shall be given the opportunity to make an opening and a closing statement, to call witnesses on his or her behalf and to question his or her accusers. The member subject to the charges may be represented by a person or persons of his or her choice whether or not an attorney at law and may have that representative speak or question witnesses on his or her behalf. The questioning or cross-questioning of witness may be reasonably limited by the person chairing the hearing.

Testimony shall be taken only from witnesses having direct knowledge of facts or circumstances relevant to the specific charges under consideration. However, the rules of evidence and judicial procedure applicable in courts of law shall not be application to this hearing, and the procedures shall be generally informal.