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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

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

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

**AB 361 Updates** -Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

<p><b><u>Opening Business</u></b></p> <p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call – Establish Quorum</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>		<p><b>Co-Chairs:</b> Mrs. Charlene Rothstein Dr. Faye Barta</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Mr. Brad Vanderhoof</p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr. Faye Barta</p>
<p><b><u>Opening Business Cont.</u></b></p> <p>Approve Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023 Senior Lead Officer Report</p> <p>Comments From the Co-Chair(s)</p>		<p><b>Secretary:</b> Mr. Brad Vanderhoof SLO Barbu; SLO Garza</p> <p><b>Co-Chairs:</b> Mrs. Charlene Rothstein Dr. Faye Barta</p>
<p><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <p>Office of Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel Council District 12 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 LAUSD District 3 Budget Advocates</p>		<p>Mr. Jack Trent-Dorfman, Field Representative Mr. Colin Crews, District Director Ms. Atziri Camarena TBD TBD Mr. Glenn Bailey</p>

<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p> <p>Comments &amp; statements from stakeholders or interested parties on subjects <b><u>NOT</u></b> on this meeting's agenda. (<i>Requires Speaker Card</i>)</p> <p><b>*The Council affords an opportunity to members of the public to address the Council on items of interest that are within the Council's jurisdiction. The Council is not permitted to take action on items that are not identified on the agenda. The Council reserves the right to limit speakers' time if necessary to provide an adequate opportunity for all to be heard.*</b></p>		Dr. Faye Barta
<p><b><u>Certificate of Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Sarah Martin Ms. Tessa Charnofsky</p>		Dr. Faye Barta
<p><b><u>Council Announcements</u></b></p> <p>Committee &amp; Liaison Reports</p>		West Hills Neighborhood Council
<p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <p><b>23-0018</b> - Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement ("CIS") to Council File 23-0002-S1, Independent Redistricting Process / New Commission / New Redistricting Maps / City of Los Angeles / April 2023 Special Election <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0019</b> - Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement ("CIS") to Council File 22-1241, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) / Anti-Semitism Definition Adoption <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0020</b> - Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement ("CIS") to Council File 22-1179, Orange List / Expensive Veterinary Care / Sick and Injured Animals <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0022</b> - Discussion and Possible Action on CF 22-1285 Censure of a City Council Member <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p>		<p>Mrs. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee Ms. Clarice Chavira, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mrs. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee Ms. Clarice Chavira, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mrs. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee Ms. Clarice Chavira, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mrs. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee Ms. Clarice Chavira, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p><b>23-0036</b> - Discussion and possible action on participation in Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel's 2nd Annual West Valley Day of Service event being held at Pierce College on Sunday April 30th at 9am <b>(5 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0037</b> - Discussion and possible action on the preferred method of WHNC future meetings: In Person Only; Teleconference/Zoom; Hybrid ; and In Person and/or Zoom <b>(10 Minutes Only)</b></p>		<p>Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair Dr. Faye Barta, Co-Chair</p> <p>Mrs. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair Dr. Faye Barta, Co-Chair</p>

<p><b>23-0038</b> - Discussion and possible action: on west bound left turn from Roscoe on to Fallbrook request review of signal timing. <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0039</b> - Discussion and possible action: on Painting Traffic Control Cabinet <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0040</b> - Discussion and possible action: on request of speed tables on Platt between Ingomar and Sherman Way. <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0041</b> - Discussion and possible action: on LADOT proposed removal of crosswalk on Woodlake Ave &amp; Justice St. <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0042</b> - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on CF 23-0143, Bureau of Street Services report to Public Works Committee on amending LAMC 62.06 need to repave street after any excavation. <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0043</b> - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on CF 23-0167, City Council direct the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk repairs <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p> <p><b>23-0044</b> - Discussion and possible action regarding Senate Bill SB 411 (Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership), as introduced by Senator Portantino, including written letter</p> <p><b>23-0045</b> - Discussion and possible action on organizing a proposed Town Hall event with the West Hills Hospital Board to be held in 2023 <b>(10 Minutes Max)</b></p>		<p>Mr. Anthony Scearce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scearce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scearce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scearce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scearce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Scearce, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee Mr. Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Streets &amp; Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mrs. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee Ms. Clarice Chavira, Co-Chair Government Relations Committee</p> <p>Mrs. Sandi Bell, Chair Public Health Committee</p>
<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p>		

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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Revised 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	Yes
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 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.

**23-0016** – 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 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.

**23-0017** – 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 Scarce	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 verbage 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.

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

WHEREAS, in 2016, the State of California adopted Senator Ricardo Lara's Senate Bill (SB) 958 which established the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

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  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



OCT 28 2022

PMK



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

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

WHEREAS, the 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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**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
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  
Communication from Chair, PAAW Committee 10-24-22



# Agenda Item 23-0022 - Discussion and Possible Action on CF 22-1285 Censure of a City Council Member

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.

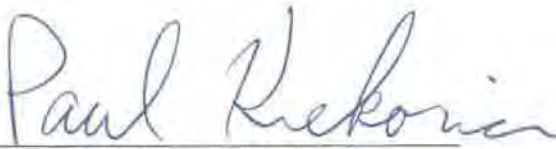
I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, provide an opinion on whether the Council has the authority to implement any proposed consequences upon a censured Councilmember until the end of their term, or for a duration of time until 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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PRESENTED BY:   
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

PRESENTED BY:   
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY:   
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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.

**Agenda Item 23-0038 - Discussion and possible action: on west bound left turn from Roscoe on to Fallbrook request review of signal timing.**

**RE: Intersection of Roscoe and Fallbrook request review of Left Turn Signal**

Silva Abramian Eltchi  
Transportation Engineer  
Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
19040 Vanowen St. # A  
Reseda, CA 91335

Silva Abramian Eltchi,

The WHNC Streets & Transportation Committee has received many complaints about a delay and traffic back up at the west bound left turn lane of Roscoe Blvd. turning onto Fallbrook.

The traffic backup is caused by a too short time of the left turn signal, proved by the many vehicles that are unable to turn during one signal cycle. Committee members and stakeholders have reported the backup often far exceeds the area of the left turn lane queue.

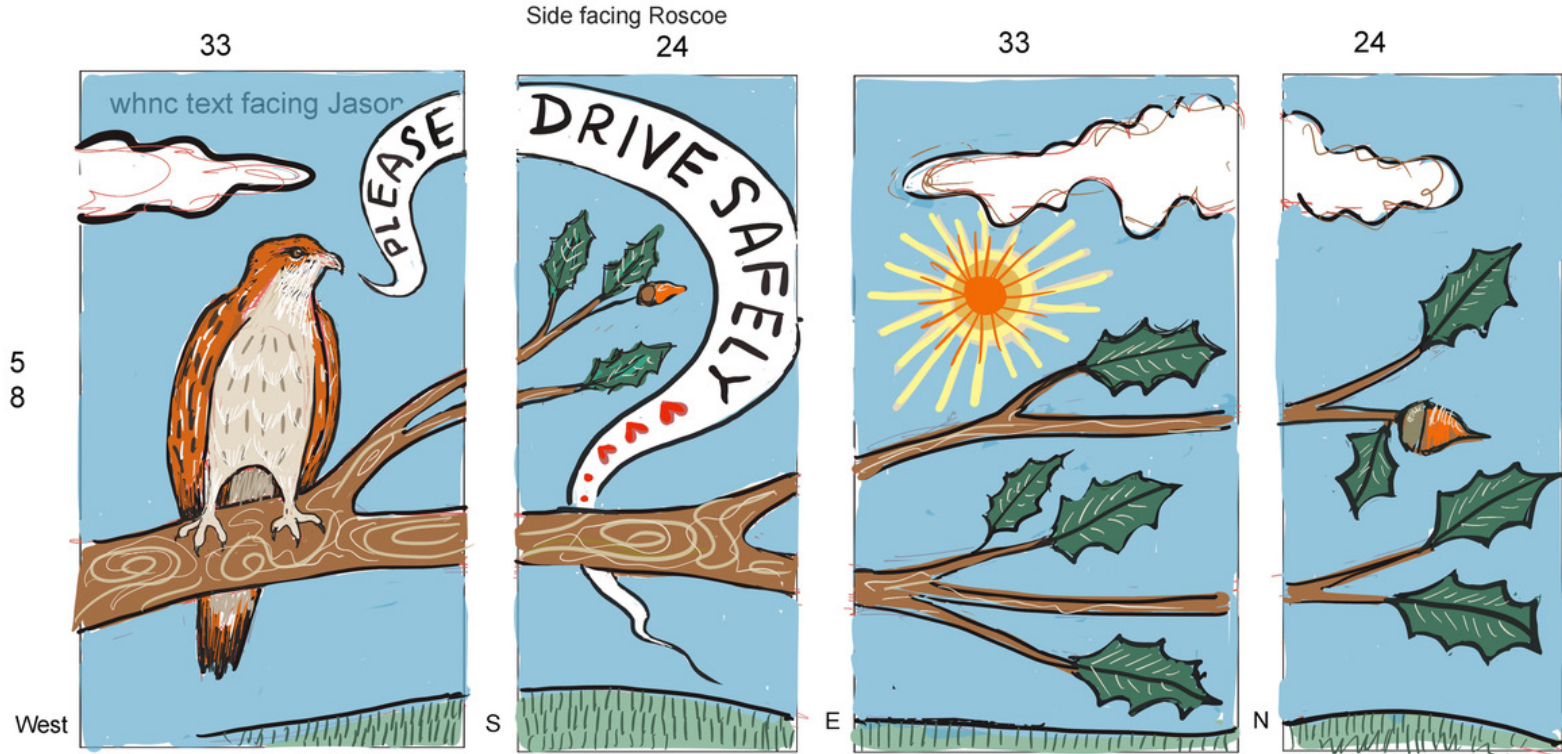
We request this intersection be reviewed and the left turn traffic signal time be lengthened appropriately.

Sincerely,  
cc CD12





Agenda Item 23-0039 - Discussion and possible action: on Painting Traffic Control Cabinet



Utility Box Proposal West Hills - Sarah Stone - 03/21/2023

**Agenda Item 23-0040 - Discussion and possible action: on request of speed tables on Platt between Ingomar and Sherman Way.**

**RE: Request of Speeding Mitigation on Platt Ave. between Ingomar St. & Sherman Way**

Silva Abramian Eltchi  
Transportation Engineer  
Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
19040 Vanowen St. # A  
Reseda, CA 91335

Silva Abramian Eltchi:

The WHNC Streets & Transportation Committee has received many complaints regarding speeding on Platt Ave. between Ingomar St. and Sherman Way. This item was on our agenda and the discussion involved requesting additional Speed Limit Signs, Speed Tables etc. The Committee believes that Speed Tables are the best way to mitigate speeding on Platt Ave.

One of the purposes of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, like all Neighborhood Councils, is to assist our stakeholders in acquiring City services. This purpose is defined in the City Charter. The City's Speed Hump Program, which opens once a year, is limited to 25 or so applicants per Council District and uses a first come first served policy. The last time the program was open online it was 45 minutes or less when all the spots were filled. This program seems not to have consideration for Neighborhood Council input. Our Neighborhood Council spends much time listening and evaluating stakeholders' requests for Speed Humps/Tables before we make a recommendation or request of LADOT. West Hills Neighborhood Council requests we think should take a priority; we are the "boots on the ground" so to speak of City Government.

We request LADOT set aside a few Speed Hump program slots for West Hills Neighborhood Council. All other criteria for consideration should still be required as the petition signed by the affected neighbors etc.

We also request that Speed Tables be evaluated to be installed on Platt Ave. between Ingomar and Sherman Way for speeding mitigation.

Platt Avenue between Sherman Way and Ingomar is an area where frequent auto racing and Donuts are being done at night. There are numerous homes along that stretch of Platt, the residents of which are awakened by this activity. The WHNC recommends that speed tables be installed along that stretch of Platt in order to discourage this dangerous and disturbing behavior.

Sincerely,

cc CD12

**Agenda Item 23-0041 - Discussion and possible action: on LADOT proposed removal of crosswalk on Woodlake Ave & Justice St**

**RE: Opposition of the Removal of Crosswalk at Woodlake Ave. and Justice St.**

Silva Abramian Eltchi  
Transportation Engineer  
Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
19040 Vanowen St. # A  
Reseda, CA 91335

Silva Abramian Eltchi:

It has come to the attention of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, Streets & Transportation Committee of the proposed removal of the crosswalk at Woodlake Ave. and Justice St. Many stakeholders have expressed opposition to the removal of this crosswalk. Unfortunately, the opposition was expressed on Facebook not directly to LADOT. It has also been reported by a stakeholder the survey was done during winter break for our schools, which may not be completely accurate.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 the West Hills Neighborhood Council voted at full Board Meeting, (17 yes votes 0 No votes) to install additional 3-way stop signs at Woodlake Ave. and Justice St. This proposed removal is contrary to the requests of our stakeholders and the full Board of the West Hills Neighborhood Council.

Please consider our strong opposition to the removal of the crosswalk and instead evaluate and install an additional 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Woodlake Ave. and Justice St.

Sincerely,

Cc CD12



## MOTION

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) 62.06 relates to the establishment of the Street Damage Restoration Fee (SDRF) which requires any entity that is required to obtain a permit to excavate in a public street or alley must pay an SDRF. LAMC 62.06(E) states that any entity making an excavation in a street within one year following the resurfacing of the street, must repave the entire street block from curb face to curb face. This street cut moratorium is a temporary ban on cutting into City streets for the installation or repair of underground utilities like gas, water, and electricity. The moratorium aims to reduce the number of street cuts, which can cause traffic disruptions, damage to city infrastructure, and safety hazards for drivers and pedestrians. The moratorium period is intended to allow the City to assess and improve its processes for managing street cuts, and to come up with a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to managing the excavation of City streets.

The street cut moratorium has faced several challenges and criticisms since its inception, including:

- Business disruptions; the moratorium has caused disruptions for businesses that require underground utility work and have been unable to proceed with their projects. This has resulted in delays, increased costs, and reduced efficiency for these businesses.
- Environmental and fiscal concerns; In many cases, cutting into a newly repaved street does not impact the majority of the street, but would require a complete repaving of a street resulting in removing perfectly good asphalt and increasing waste, both environmentally and fiscally.
- Safety concerns; Critics of the City's street cut moratorium have argued that the moratorium may actually compromise public safety by delaying essential utility repairs and upgrades that are needed to ensure the reliability and safety of utility services.
- Property owners' concerns; some have argued that the moratorium prevents property owners from being able to make necessary improvements to their buildings and properties. This can delay the occupancy of much needed housing and/or other development projects.
- Lack of clarity; the moratorium has faced criticism for lacking clear guidelines and processes for obtaining exceptions or permits for essential utility work, making it difficult for business and property owners to navigate and comply with the ban.

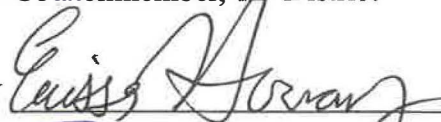
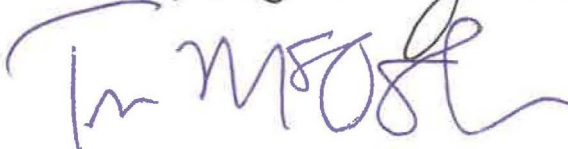
These challenges highlight the need for a balanced approach that addresses the need for infrastructure improvements and the need to minimize disruptions, reduce waste, as well as reducing safety hazards in the City.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services in consultation with the Bureau of Engineering, be requested to report back to the Public Works Committee with options for consideration to amend LAMC 62.06 in an effort to modify the need to repave an entire block when repaving within the first year after a street cut and replace it with a requirement that will address the concerns stated above; ultimately resulting in a more environmentally friendly, fiscally responsible, safer requirement that would still provide for a sound street repair that will not materially shorten the life of the overall street.

PRESENTED BY   
JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY   


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File # :	CF 23-0143
Title :	Street Damage Restoration Fee (SDRF) / Public Street Excavation / Street Cut Moratorium / Safety Hazards / City Infrastructure Damage / Environmentally Friendly / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.06 / Amendment
Type :	Public Works Committee
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	Residents of West Hills have been plagued by streets in disrepair and potholes. Many of our streets have not been resurfaced for well over 50 years, while newer streets in much better condition have been resurfaced due to the requirements of Section 62.06. The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0143 in that, streets that have minor excavation due to construction and/or infrastructure damage, repairing not require street be completely resurfaced “curb to curb”. These resources should be better directed to the resurfacing of streets in major disrepair due to age or other causes.
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Motion :	West Hills Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0143 in that the Bureau of Street Services in consultation with the Bureau of Engineering, be requested to report back to the Public Works Committee with options for consideration to amend LAMC 62.06 in an effort to modify the need to repave an entire block when repaving within the first year after a street cut and replace it with a requirement that will ultimately result in a more environmentally friendly, fiscally responsible, safer requirement that would still provide for a sound street repair that will not materially shorten the life of the overall street.
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ST Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	          <b>YES = YES</b> on the Motion
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“NO” Vote:	<b>NO = NO</b> on the Motion
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**Agenda Item 23-0043 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on CF 23-0167, City Council direct the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk repair**

PUBLIC WORKS

**MOTION**

The urban environment is a web of natural and built features interacting daily. Whether it's the sun beating down on streets and sidewalks; or rain running off asphalt and saturated lawns into gutters, these daily workings of life in a city are all surrounded by an important piece of green infrastructure – trees. Trees are combatants of the urban heat island effect, providing necessary shade to streetscapes. Trees are interceptors of rainwater, providing stormwater retention for overloaded drainage systems. Trees are absorbers of air and water pollutants, improving health and wellness in neighborhoods, and they are beautiful green canopies housing wildlife and improving the character of communities.


In the City of Los Angeles, the Urban Forestry Division manages nearly 700,000 street trees growing along 6,500 miles of public roads, making the City's street tree population the largest urban forest in the nation. Having the largest urban forest does not come without its share of problems. The conflicts between tree roots and sidewalks in Los Angeles are widespread, resulting in recurring expenses for repair and even at times, tree removals. In 2016, the City settled a \$1.4 billion class action lawsuit, commonly known as the "Willits Settlement," that determined the City's crumbling sidewalk infrastructure was not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and prevented people with disabilities from traveling and accessing opportunities in Los Angeles. This legal action led the City to develop the "Sidewalk Repair Program," which as of today is the only program for sidewalks in the City.

In an effort to comply with the Willits Settlement, the City prepared a comprehensive EIR that supported the need to remove some 13,000 street trees. However, in late January 2023, the Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the EIR failed to thoroughly examine the impacts to wildlife and the environmental consequences of trading mature trees for young replacement trees.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council direct the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk repairs, implemented by other cities, that preserve our City's mature street trees while ensuring safe sidewalks.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, and all other relevant departments, to report back on the steps necessary, or already underway, to secure federal funding under the urban forestry program of the new infrastructure bill.

PRESENTED BY

  
JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY



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Committee Meeting Date: March 21, 2023

Board Meeting Date 03-28-2023

File # :	CF 23-0167
Title :	Street Damage Restoration Fee (SDRF) / Public Street Excavation / Street Cut Moratorium / Safety Hazards / City Infrastructure Damage / Environmentally Friendly / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.06 / Amendment
Type :	Public Works Committee
City/State :	Los Angeles, California

Summary :	West Hills has many sidewalks in disrepair and dangerous to our stakeholders. Many of our sidewalks are not ADA compliant. While we support the “Sidewalk Repair Program”, sidewalks should be repaired without the need to remove 13,000 trees. Removal of 13,000 trees may impact our wildlife and other environmental consequences.
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Motion :	West Hills Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0167 that the City Council direct the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk repairs, implemented by other cities, that preserve our city’s mature street trees while ensuring safe sidewalks. West Hills Neighborhood Council also supports that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, and all other relevant departments, to report back on the steps necessary, or already underway, to secure federal funding under the urban forestry program of the Federal Government’s new infrastructure bill.
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ST Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	
	<b>YES = YES</b> on the Motion

“NO” Vote:	
	<b>NO = NO</b> on the Motion

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

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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.

## Digest Key

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

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## Bill Text

# THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the legislative body, that requires

registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) As used in this section, “legislative body” means 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 this chapter. As used in this subdivision, “advisory body” includes, but is not limited to, a neighborhood council that is an advisory body with the purpose to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs that is established pursuant to the charter of a city with a population of more than 3,000,000 people that is subject to this chapter.

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

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, audio and video teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and those public meetings have been productive, increased public participation by all members of the public regardless of their location and ability to travel to physical meeting locations, increased the pool of people who are able to serve on these bodies, and protected the health and safety of civil servants and the public. Extending the operation of teleconference as conducted during the COVID-19 public health emergency for bodies of local agencies with appointed membership will continue these benefits.

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

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, audio and video teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and those public meetings have been productive, increased public participation by all members of the public regardless of their location and ability to travel to physical meeting locations, increased the pool of people who are able to serve on these bodies, and protected the health and safety of civil servants and the public. Extending the operation of teleconference as conducted during the

COVID-19 public health emergency for bodies of local agencies with appointed membership will continue these benefits.

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

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

[GRC/West Hills Neighborhood Council Letterhead]

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the acceptance of Senate Bill 411 (SB411), introduced by Senator Portantino, modifying the Ralph M. Brown Act to grant the flexibility to Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles to conduct meetings in person and/or via teleconferencing, similar to the emergency provisions, indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency, at the discretion of the Neighborhood Councils or its board members.

We also request that the City Council sponsor a council file supporting SB411.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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