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## JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Monday January 13, 2020**

**Chaminade High School, West Hills**

**Approved January 16, 2020**

Those in attendance: Zach Volet, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin, Jimmy Hernandez, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Tony Scearce, and Joan Trent.

Committee Co-chair Zach called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. A quorum was established.

Zach distributed, "West Hills Neighborhood Council, Government Relations Committee, January 2020 Supporting Documents."

Chair Comments: Zach announced there will be a special meeting of the Government Relations Committee, Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, after the Operations Committee meeting, to discuss CF 18-0467 – NC System Reforms.

Public Comment: Dan Brin expressed his displeasure with a motion before a City Council committee mandating a minimum age of 16 to vote in neighborhood council elections and a minimum age to serve on a neighborhood council board of 18 (excepting a possible single youth seat if designated in a neighborhood council's bylaws). Dan thinks this takes away an existing right and is contrary to democratic principles. He would like this issue on a future committee agenda.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

7. Neighborhood Councils Directly Addressing Government Officials: Zach presented a draft letter he wrote for the Board to send to Mike Feuer, City Attorney, City of Los Angeles.

Yes – 5, No – 1, Abstain – 1

The letter will be sent to the WHNC Board.

5. Draft Letter for "Required Salary Range" Disclosures: Zach explained this is the same letter previously approved by this committee and the WHNC Board asking the addition of the issue to the Los Angeles City Council 2020 Legislative Plan. The letter is addressed to Nury Martinez, City Council President, and John Lee, CD12 Councilmember.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 1

The letter will be sent to the WHNC Board.

6. Draft Letter for "Just Cause Termination" Protections: Zach explained this is the same letter previously approved by this committee and the WHNC Board asking the addition of the issue to the Los Angeles City Council 2020 Legislative Plan. The letter is addressed to Nury Martinez, City Council President, and John Lee, CD12 Councilmember.

Yes – 6, No – 1, Abstain – 0

The letter will be sent to the WHNC Board.

8. CF 19-1470, Establishment of the Office of Racial Equity (ORE):

CIS in Support: Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0

The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

9. CF 19-0002-S115, Just Cause evictions / Tenant Protections:

CIS in Support: Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0

The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

10. CF 19-0002-S135, Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act: This City Council resolution supports H.R. 1595, House Bill, U.S. 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

CIS in Support: Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0

The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board.

11. CF 19-1273-S1, LAX Taxi Curbside Pickups: Item tabled to February.

Co-chair Zach adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be February 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Location TBD.