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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

FINAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2018

de Toledo High School, 22622 Vanowen St., West Hills

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Anthony Brosamle, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Steve Kallen, Bonnie Klea, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Myrl Schreiber, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, Ed Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

Absent: Bob Brostoff and Ivan Blume

OPENING BUSINESS

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and established **quorum**.

Minutes of the July 5, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

18-0091 – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s June 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Monthly expenditure report was approved with 23 yes votes, two (2) absent.

Controller’s Report: Anthony Brosamle thanked the board for the nearly complete utilization of the 2017-2018 budget. We had a balance of \$5.22 unspent. In the future, the Controller’s Report will be in ledger form indicating the line item each expenditure relates to in the board’s yearly budget. Tony will speak with each committee chair on the current procedures for accessing the yearly budget.

18-0092 – Discussion and possible action on approving \$1,496.00 for Fall Fest.

Dan Brin stated that we are taking this item out of order because our Treasurer has to leave. Myrl Schreiber wanted to know why we are paying for items at Fall Fest and we don’t for Spring Fest. Simone Best said discussion of this question will be brought up by the Communications Committee.

Recommendation passed with 21 yes votes, two (2) abstentions and two (2) absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Co-chair Dan Brin said he met with leaders of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council and the Canoga Park/West Hills Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce to foster greater cooperation among the groups.

He also met with Samantha Veloz, of the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program, and Corrine Ho, from the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, to begin planning a forum on Domestic Violence tentatively set for Sept. 24 at West Valley Christian Church in West Hills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vanessa Serrano, standing in for Kathleen Quinn, DONE Neighborhood Council Advocate, spoke about the IGNITE LA program for young women leaders.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth & Education – There will be a meeting at 3 p.m. on Aug. 3 at Pomelo School.

Homelessness – On Aug. 20 the committee has a Pack the Backpack Night, and all are welcome to help fill backpacks (purchased by WHNC) with supplies for homeless students at West Hills schools. Also, an app called HOP (Homeless Outreach Portal) has been rolled out to enable the public to report homeless people in need of assistance.

Beautification – On Aug. 25, the committee plans a different type of beautification project. Participants will paint fire hydrants. Meet at 8 a.m. at Criswell and Fallbrook for assignments at several locations.

Cultural/Senior Center – Working on establishing a 501c3.

Zoning & Planning – A hearing was held regarding the school at Vanowen and Sale, but due to a last-minute change by the applicant, the matter is still under consideration and a decision will be announced.

Public Health – West Nile virus has been identified in portions of the Valley.

Environment – The committee will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Communications – The committee will meet on Aug. 15.

Budget Advocates – The Advocates had their retreat, and each has been assigned a department to work with.

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness – The annual Emergency Preparedness Fair is set for Sept. 29 at the Northridge mall, 8 to 1.

Bobbi Trantafello left at 7:45 p.m.

Dan Brin announced he has been informed that Ed Young is resigning from the Board due to health reasons and family obligations. This will be his last meeting as a board member. Ed said he would continue to participate on committees as his health permits. Ed's seat is up for election in 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reeyan Raynes said LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority) and the L.A. Conservation Corps have moved into the West Valley Municipal Center at 19040 Vanowen St. in Reseda.

Michelle, a stakeholder, spoke about a problem she was having with a homeless woman. It was suggested that she work with the Homelessness Committee to resolve the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

18-0087 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 18-0467 – Reform Measures for Neighborhood Council System.

After much discussion, this item was returned to the Government Relations Committee so it could prepare a complete CIS on which the Board could vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Young left at 8:25.

18-0093 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 15-1138-S34, Senior Homelessness/CHS/ City and County Preservative.

Recommended CIS was approved with 21 yes votes and four (4) absent.

Ed Young returned at 8:35.

18-0094 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 18-0304 – Support of GPS Mapping Applications.

Recommended CIS was approved with 22 yes votes and three (3) absent.

18-0095 – Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS on City Council File 14-1057-S5 – Support of Vehicle Dwelling Parking Areas/Safe Parking for Safer Communities.

Anthony Brosamle moved that we add the words “and residences” to the last line of the CIS. **Motion passed with 13 yes votes, eight (8) no votes, one (1) abstention and three (3) absent.**

CIS as amended was approved with 13 yes votes, seven (7) no votes, two (2) abstentions and three (3) absent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Neighborhood Council System Reforms

This past year, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System turned fifteen years old. This one-of-a-kind civic experiment has fostered grassroots activism, civic innovation, and provided a stronger voice to communities that otherwise would have less influence at City Hall.

Fifteen years of evolution has also uncovered areas where the system can be improved. Some of these improvements are fundamental, stemming from the charter section that empowers Neighborhood Councils, and others are simpler matters of policy change that can be implemented by city departments or by ordinance.

In July of 2017, I assumed chairpersonship of the City Council Committee that oversees the Neighborhood Council System, the Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils Committee. Having previously served on a Neighborhood Council, I have a strong interest in ensuring their continued viability.

To determine what changes may be needed in the system going forwards, I embarked on a listening tour to many of the Neighborhood Council Alliances. Additionally, my office sent a survey to all Neighborhood Council listservs soliciting feedback from Neighborhood Council members and the interested public. Over 160 Neighborhood Council stakeholders responded. Reviewing these submissions, evaluating the information presented in the committee hearings I have held over the past nine months on pending Neighborhood Council policy matters, and meeting with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk, I have developed a list of policy ideas for the Neighborhood Council System that should be reviewed.

As these ideas will need substantial input from Neighborhood Council members and stakeholders before determining which should move forward. To ensure enough time is provided to develop that input, this motion will not be heard in committee until at least 90 days after it is introduced in order to provide Neighborhood Councils time to deliberate on the proposals and submit Community Impact Statements.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be INSTRUCTED, with assistance as needed from the CLA, CAO, City Clerk and City Attorney, to report back within 60 days on the following:

- Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX to change the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to the Neighborhood Councils Department (NCD), the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to the Neighborhood Councils Commission (NCC), and phasing out the use of the term/branding 'EmpowerLA' due to the confusion reported by the public and the perception of Neighborhood Council members that DONE's role should be primarily to support Neighborhood Councils, which the name Neighborhood Councils Department would better reflect.
- Recommendations and next steps for amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the "Community Impact Stakeholder," which has caused substantial confusion and disputed elections, and recommendations and next steps for including specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and board members of Neighborhood Councils, such as student or parent/guardian of a student.
- Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX Section 901.d and 904.f to remove any reference to "selections" and clarify that Neighborhood Council board members will be elected. Neighborhood Council "selection" processes are utilized by a limited and decreasing number of councils and are not viewed by the public as being as democratic as elections as they do not provide for a secret ballot or equitable participation.
- Recommendations and next steps for creating a one-time review process, overseen by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, to evaluate Neighborhood Council bylaws to determine if board seats

are equitably allocated amongst stakeholder types and provide formal suggestions to Neighborhood Councils on ways to adjust board seats as needed to increase equity.

- Recommendations and next steps for adopting regulations to provide a uniform minimum voting age and board member age to allow consistent participation across the City, and what that age should be.
- Recommendations and next steps for developing and adopting a planning and land use training required for all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Neighborhood Council planning and land use committees.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be INSTRUCTED, with assistance as needed from the CLA, CAO, DONE and City Attorney, to report back within 60 days on the following:

- Recommendations and next steps on a process for Neighborhood Councils to be able to roll-over a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 in any given fiscal year.
- Recommendations and next steps for removing Section 5.485.h of Chapter 88 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (Ordinance 179545; see Council File 03-1260), and recommendations for other amendments to that Chapter, in order to remove the expiration of the ability for Neighborhood Councils to accept in-kind or monetary donations.
- On the costs and other implications of holding all Neighborhood Council elections on the same day in order to provide for a uniform citywide advertising and outreach campaign.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and all relevant departments denoted below, be INSTRUCTED to:

- Develop a process, with the assistance of GSD and the City Clerk, to assist Neighborhood Councils with accessing shared space in City facilities, as envisioned in Council File 16-0298.
- Develop an ongoing compendium of best practices generated from Neighborhood Councils and share those on a periodic basis with all Neighborhood Councils and include 'how-to guides' for accomplishing those best practices.
- Develop point of contact lists for key city departments and agencies, including DCP, DOT, Public Works' Bureaus, Aging, Disability, HCID, DCA, LADWP, Port, Airport, Cannabis Regulation, Emergency Management, Animal Services, LAPD, LAFD, Recreation and Parks, Zoo, Finance, Library, Economic and Workforce Development and BIDs, with assistance from those listed departments and agencies, and share those lists with Neighborhood Councils, facilitate the training of those points of contact at those relevant departments on the most fruitful ways to assist and communicate with Neighborhood Council members, and coordinate with Neighborhood Councils to formally appoint a point of contact at each NC to communicate between each NC and the point of contact at each department, thus creating a single line of communication.

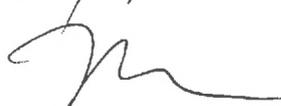
I FURTHER MOVE that Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Council Alliances be REQUESTED to provide feedback and/or Community Impact Statements (CISs) to the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee within 90 days.

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PRESENTED BY: 
DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 




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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday June 18, 2018

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised June 19, 2018

Those in attendance were: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians, Simone Best, Linda DeLeo, Janis MacQuoic, Steve Randall, Joan Trent, and Zach Volet.

Committee Chair Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM. A quorum was established. Minutes were not available for approval.

There were no public comments.

Joanne distributed: "Neighborhood Council System Reforms," from VANC, "2. LEGISLATIVE-CIS CF 18-0270," from LANC, "MOTION Neighborhood Council System Reforms," date stamped MAY 25 2018, and "RE: Requesting Feedback on Proposed Neighborhood Council System Reform," a letter from David E. Ryu, Councilmember, Fourth District, dated May 25, 2018.

Joanne explained Councilmember Ryu's proposed plan to reorganize the neighborhood council system.

Comments for a CIS on CF 18-0467:

Name change for DONE and BONC – support; 2-yes, 4-no, 1-abstain
The Committee will recommend opposing the name changes

Community Interest Stakeholders – Motion by Brad to oppose the elimination of community interest stakeholders and allow individual NCs to determine the number allowed by their bylaws. Steve seconded.
The motion passed unanimously. The Committee will recommend opposing the elimination of the community interest stakeholder definition as per the motion.

Selection Process in lieu of Elections – Support the elimination of 'selections' – 6-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain
The Committee will recommend all NCs participate in the election process conducted by the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of NC board seat equity and bylaws – The Committee unanimously supports recommending a statement in opposition.

Uniform Voting Age of 16 – The Committee unanimously supports this recommendation.

PLUM Education Requirements – The Committee unanimously supports this recommendation.

Rollover Funds – The Committee unanimously supports this recommendation.

Removal of Expiration Date for NCs to Accept Non-monetary Donations – 5-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain
The Committee will recommend supporting this provision to allow NC to accept donations.

Agenda Item 18-0087

Single Day for NC Elections – The Committee unanimously supports recommending a statement in opposition.

Shared Space Agreement with the City – The Committee unanimously supports this recommendation.

Sharing of ‘Best Practices’ – The Committee unanimously supports this recommendation.

Contact Lists for City Departments -- The Committee unanimously supports this recommendation.

Joanne adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be June 16, 2018, 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: June 2018

Budget Fiscal Year: 2017-2018

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

| Monthly Cash Reconciliation | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance | Total Spent | Remaining Balance | Outstanding | Commitments | Net Available |
| \$5158.12 | \$4252.90 | \$905.22 | \$900.00 | \$0.00 | \$5.22 |

| Monthly Cash Flow Analysis | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Budget Category | Adopted Budget | Total Spent this Month | Unspent Budget Balance | Outstanding | Net Available |
| Office | \$32150.00 | \$1306.80 | \$830.02 | \$0.00 | \$830.02 |
| Outreach | | \$2946.10 | | \$0.00 | |
| Elections | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Community Improvement Project | \$1500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1500.00 |
| Neighborhood Purpose Grants | \$9850.00 | \$0.00 | \$249.56 | \$900.00 | \$-650.44 |
| Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00 | | Encumbrances: \$0.00 | | Previous Expenditures: \$36667.52 | |

| Expenditures | | | | | | |
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| # | Vendor | Date | Description | Budget Category | Sub-category | Total |
| 1 | KRISTAL GRAPHICS | 06/04/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$197.10 |
| 2 | RALPHS #0213 | 06/06/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$24.34 |
| 3 | THE WEB CORNER | 06/06/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$150.00 |
| 4 | VOC ICONTACTEMAIL MKT | 06/13/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$530.40 |
| 5 | INT IN AKD Å AKD INK | 06/14/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$374.49 |
| 6 | TARGET.COM | 06/17/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$86.41 |
| 7 | TARGET.COM | 06/18/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$8.67 |
| 8 | KRISTAL GRAPHICS | 06/18/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$73.75 |

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| 9 | KRISTAL GRAPHICS | 06/19/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$520.13 |
| 10 | RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS | 06/20/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$108.00 |
| 11 | WARNER CENTER NEWS | 06/20/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$200.00 |
| 12 | SMARTNFINAL32410103240 | 06/20/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$51.28 |
| 13 | RALPHS #0213 | 06/20/2018 | (Credit card transaction) | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$25.14 |
| 14 | AIDA ABKARIANS | 05/24/2018 | VISION ZERO ART WITH OCT 2017 EVENT | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$96.39 |
| 15 | City of Los Angeles | 05/31/2018 | CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS EMPOWER LA AWAR... | General Operations Expenditure | Outreach | \$500.00 |
| 16 | AppleOne Employment Services | 06/04/2018 | ADMIN FOR COUNCIL | General Operations Expenditure | Office | \$1306.80 |
| Subtotal: | | | | | | \$4252.90 |

| Outstanding Expenditures | | | | | | |
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| # | Vendor | Date | Description | Budget Category | Sub-category | Total |
| 1 | FLEET STREET, INC | 04/05/2018 | SPRING EVENT LA VISION ZERO PROGRAM | Neighborhood Purpose Grants | | \$900.00 |
| Subtotal: Outstanding | | | | | | \$900.00 |

WHNC CONTROLLER'S 2018-2019 REPORT (AS OF July 27, 2018)

| Transaction Number | Committee | Vendor/Payee | Budget Line Item | Balance (Pre/Post) | Committee Agenda | Committee Approval | Budget Agenda | Budget Approval | Budget Request Form NPG Request | Board Agenda | Board Approval | Transaction Date / Submitted to City | Amount Paid | Notes |
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| 1 | Board (Recurring) | Web Corner | 10 | \$1,800/\$1,650 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7/4/2018 | \$150 | monthly |
| 2 | Board (Recurring) | Apple One | 6 | \$16,998/\$16,344 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7/10/2018 | \$653.40 | partial month |
| 3 | Board (Recurring) | City of LA Publishing | 4 | \$100/\$66.90 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7/11/2018 | \$34.10 | Ivan Bloom business cards |
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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Budget Item Request

Please print legibly or type

Date of submission:

Committee Name:

Chairperson/Stakeholder:

Date Approved by Committee:

Phone:

Email:

Event/Activity

Total Amount Requested:

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

This event will be held as a children's affair at Shadow Ranch Park with many activities for children, including a petting zoo. It is being held in conjunction with an evening "drive in movie" sponsored by Council District 12.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List all expense items, quantities, and amounts:

| Item & Quantity | Amount |
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| See Attached | \$1,496 |
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For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Date of receipt from committee

Date of Budget Committee approval

Date sent to Board

Fall Festival 2018 Budget

Starting: \$1496
 - \$400 (Balloon Artist – Parties by Stacey)
 \$1096
 - \$400 (Maze – Air Machine)
 \$696
 - \$150 (Tote Bags – Oriental Trading)
 \$546
 - \$75 (Magic Color Shapes – Oriental Trading)
 \$471
 - \$65 (Color Your Own Peanuts Halloween Crowns – Oriental Trading)
 \$406
 - \$300 (Candy – Walmart)
 \$106
 - \$106 (Prizes & Toys – Oriental Trading)
Ending: \$0

*Shadow will pay for staffing and supplies needed for the Slime-making Booth

Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
From: Homelessness Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 7/16/18
Presented for Board Consideration on: 8/2/18

RE: Council File: 15-1138-S34

Title – Senior Homelessness/CHS/City and County Preventative Programs/Assessment

The motion calls for the following reports back to the City Council:

- An assessment of actions the City is taking as part of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy
- Any actions underway separate from the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy
- Any additional recommendations to help prioritize programs in the City and the County geared towards preventing seniors from falling into homelessness

Motion or Recommendation of committee:

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) 2018 Homeless Count revealed that while the City experienced a five percent decrease in homelessness, it also saw a **26 percent increase in senior homelessness** (ages 62 and older). LAHSA advises that older adults are more at-risk of homelessness as a result of benefits and income that have not kept pace with rising rents.

By unanimous vote the WHNC Homelessness Committee asks the Board to support (YES vote) the motion before the City's Homeless and Poverty Committee that various City agencies be requested to report to the City Council on issues relative to senior homelessness, as follows:

- 1) Full assessment of action the City is taking as part of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS); and
- 2) Any actions underway separate from the CHS; and
- 3) Any additional recommendations to help prioritize programs in the City and the County geared towards preventing seniors from falling into homelessness.

RESOLUTION/MOTION ON NEXT PAGE

VOTE

Quorum: _____ Abstain: _____

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| For | | Against unless amended | |
| For if amended | | No Position | |
| Against | | Neutral Position | |

MOTION

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) 2018 Point-In-Time Homeless Count revealed that while the City experienced a five percent decrease in homelessness, it also saw a 26 percent increase in senior homelessness (ages 62 and older). The City's homeless senior population is now estimated to be over 3,000 individuals.

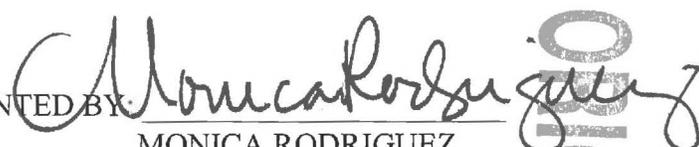
LAHSA advises that older adults are more at-risk of homelessness as a result of benefits and income that have not kept pace with rising rents. In 2016, there were approximately 7,800 affordable senior housing units for 125,000 low-income seniors. LAHSA also reports that African-Americans, veterans, and females are overrepresented in unsheltered and chronically homeless senior populations.

As part of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS), the City took action to ensure that the needs of homeless seniors would be considered in the coming years of program implementation. Emphasis was given to funding the Older Workers Employment Program, analyzing the appropriateness of Shared Housing for seniors, and ensuring that the focus on Women's Homelessness included seniors. Despite these actions, it is clear that more work needs to be done to prevent and address senior homelessness.

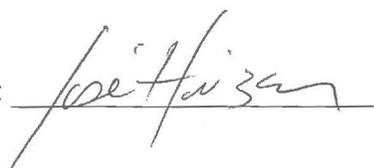
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Department of Aging, the Economic Workforce Development Department, and the Housing and Community Investment Department, be requested to report to the City Council relative to senior homelessness, as follows:

- A full assessment of actions the City is taking as part of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy; and
- Any actions underway separate from the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy; and
- Any additional recommendations to help prioritize programs in the City and the County geared towards preventing seniors from falling into homelessness.

PRESENTED BY:


 MONICA RODRIGUEZ
 Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
 From: Streets & Transportation
 Date Approved by Committee: July 24, 2018
 For Board Consideration on: August 2, 2018
 RE: **CF# 18-0304 “GPS Mapping Application”**

Motion or Recommendation of Committee: Support the Council Motion as Drafted

Summary: (See Attached City Council Motion) – The West Hills Neighborhood Council Supports the Motion Presented by Councilperson Paul Krekorian that calls for a request that Google, Apple, and Waze make informed representatives available to the City Council or its Committees for a public dialog about the impacts that their products have on neighborhoods in Los Angeles and work in greater partnership with the City Council at reducing those impacts.

Fiscal Impact Report: The fiscal impact of this motion has not been reported.

VOTE BY Committee

Quorum: _____

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| For | | Against unless amended | |
| For if amended | | No Position Council file discussed but NC could not muster enough votes either way | |
| Against | | Neutral Position | |

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

In 2015, the mayor announced a data-sharing partnership with mapping apps to provide real-time information about planned impacts to city streets to make apps, Waze, Google Maps, and Apple Maps, more effective and efficient. Subsequent to the announcement, a council motion was introduced to instruct the Department of Transportation to report on the feasibility of expanding that partnership to implement steps to reduce the volume of cut-through vehicle traffic diverted onto residential streets. That motion was referred to the Transportation Committee, but it was not placed on an agenda for hearing and subsequently expired pursuant to the Council's policy in 2017.

The real-world neighborhood impacts of sending distracted, stressed, and/or lost drivers down unfamiliar streets remain. And while there are certainly other factors that contribute to the overwhelming amount of traffic in narrow, neighborhood feeder streets, mapping app makers – like Google, Apple and Waze – have shown little interest in helping neighborhoods reduce the hazards on their streets.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation to report with answers to the following questions:

1. What City data is made available to makers of mapping apps or software?
2. What data does the City receive from mapping app makers?
3. What benefits, if any, does the City receive from its previously announced partnership with these companies?
4. What efforts has the City made to engage mapping app makers to address neighborhood concerns and what has been the response from that engagement?

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation to begin publishing the coordinates for "Impacted Street Segments," based on data from Vision Zero, engineering studies, other accident data or any other relevant factors, for use by mapping apps to avoid further negative neighborhood impacts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST that the City Attorney's office begin analyzing the risk and liability associated with accidents where drivers following the directions of a mapping app are a contributing factor – whether from unsafe routing, distracted driving or other app-related factors – and determine whether the parent companies of the involved mapping apps share liability for damages in any matter where litigation is initiated.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST that Google, Apple, and Waze make informed representatives available to the Council or its Committees for a public dialog about the impacts that their products have on neighborhoods in Los Angeles and work in greater partnership with the City Council at reducing those impacts.

APR 10 2018 

Presented by: 
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded by: 

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Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: West Hills Neighborhood Council Board
 From: Streets & Transportation
 Date Approved by Committee: July 24, 2018
 For Board Consideration on: August 2, 2018
 RE: **CF #14-1057-S5 “Safe Parking for Safer Communities”**

Motion or Recommendation of Committee: Support the Council Motion as Drafted

Summary: (See Attached City Council Motion) – The West Hills Neighborhood Council Supports the Motion Co-Presented by Councilpersons Nury Martinez and Paul Krekorian that calls for the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that sunsets the provisions of LAMC 85.02 and replaces it with an ordinance and LAMC change that prioritizes:

Developing Vehicle Dwelling Parking areas (public, private lots, or street segments) where a number of vehicles will be permitted to park, these areas will function as Safe Parking sites that will be coupled with services.

Any type of vehicle dwelling will be prohibited within a pre-established radius from the formal Vehicle Dwelling Parking area. The radius should be developed as a ratio to the number of vehicles included in the parking area.

Parking areas will be restricted within 500 feet of licensed schools, pre-schools, daycare facilities, and parks.

Fiscal Impact Report: The fiscal impact of this motion has not been reported.

Community Impact Statement: The community impact of this motion has not been reported.

VOTE BY Board

Quorum: _____

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| For | |
| For if amended | |
| Against | |

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| Against unless amended | |
| No Position Council file discussed but NC could not muster enough votes either way | |
| Neutral Position | |

MOTION

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

"Safe Parking for Safer Communities"

For the last two years the City has been operating under established regulations governing the use of vehicles for dwelling on public streets under LAMC 85.02, with an expected sunset of July 2018. Over this period of time we have seen the ramifications of this policy and the various ways that it has been implemented across our neighborhoods often seeing different approaches to different neighborhoods. Our residents have been able to witness firsthand how this policy has played out in their communities. For many, they have seen that the policy has shifted vehicle dwellings from one neighborhood to the other without actually providing a solution. Ultimately, it does not appear that this policy has worked equitably across our communities.

Having seen the effects of LAMC 85.02, this is an appropriate opportunity for the Council to reassess the policy and determine alternative solutions. The provisions of LAMC 85.02 identified zones across the city where vehicle dwelling was permitted. Any new policy should look at how to more equitably address vehicle dwelling without pushing vehicles from one neighborhood to another.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that sunsets the provisions of LAMC 85.02 and replaces it with an ordinance and LAMC change that prioritizes:

- Developing Vehicle Dwelling Parking areas (public, private lots, or street segments) where a number of vehicles will be permitted to park, these areas will function as Safe Parking sites that will be coupled with services.
- Any type of vehicle dwelling will be prohibited within a pre-established radius from the formal Vehicle Dwelling Parking area. This radius should be developed as a ratio to the number of vehicles included in the parking area.
- Parking areas will be restricted within 500 feet of licensed schools, pre-schools, daycare facilities, and parks.

CO-PRESENTED BY


NURY MARTINEZ
6th District

CO-PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KERKORIAN
2nd District

SECONDED BY:





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