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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 24, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

**Chaminade College Preparatory– Condon Center 2nd Floor
23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

Enter Chaminade through the Cohasset Street Entrance Between Woodlake and Platt Avenue. Enter through the parking lot, bear left and continue over the hill until you see the Condon Family Technology Center on the left. Park in the nearest lot.

In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and La City Council Approval on November 1, 2023, the West Hills Neighborhood Council Government Relations Committee Meeting will be conducted virtually, telephonically and in person. All are invited to attend and participate.

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- To attend in person, please attend Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 2nd Floor, 23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. 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.

1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Chair □ Aida Abkarians □ Saif Mogri □ Steve Randall □ Joan Trent, Faye Barta, Myrl Schreibman, Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Secretary

2. Comments from the Chair.

3. General Public Comment.

4. Review and Approval of _____ Meeting Minutes.

5. Discussion and Possible Action, including submission of a Community Impact Statement City Council (CIS) and Resolution to Council File 23-1027-S2 – Charter Reform Commission Establishment. A request to add at least 2 – 4 Neighborhood Council Members (perhaps non-voting) to the Commission.

6. Resolution or letter to City Council regarding the heavy hand the City is applying to Neighborhood Councils requiring additional trainings and constant oversight causing delays by the City Clerk and Empower LA offices.

411 Updates: If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible 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 eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible 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 eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. 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 eligible 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. (i) An eligible 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, or provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible 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) An eligible 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.

Public Input: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, an issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the committee.

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Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R 24 - 0 3 0 6
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REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

On May 14, 2024, the City Council requested this Office to prepare an ordinance establishing a Charter Reform Commission for the City of Los Angeles. This Office hereby transmits the enclosed draft ordinance pursuant to the Council's request. We have approved the draft ordinance as to form and legality.

Summary of the Proposed Ordinance

The enclosed draft ordinance would establish a Charter Reform Commission authorized to review the City Charter and develop recommended Charter amendments for the consideration of the City Council and Mayor. The Commission would be required to complete its work in time for its proposals to be considered for the ballot in 2026.

The Commission would consist of 13 members appointed in two phases. In the first phase, the Mayor would appoint four members, the Council President would appoint two members, and the Council President Pro Tempore would appoint two members, all subject to the confirmation of the City Council. In the second phase, the initial eight commissioners would appoint five additional commissioners, also subject to Council confirmation. The appointment of the five additional commissioners would be based on

criteria developed by the Commission and so that the Commission reflects the City's overall diversity.

The Commission would have an executive director who would be appointed by the Mayor and Council President, subject to Council confirmation. The Commission also would be assisted by the offices of the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk, and City Attorney.

The Commission would be required to solicit input from a wide variety of individuals and organizations in its review of the City Charter. As part of that process, the Commission would be required to adopt an Outreach and Engagement Plan and establish a program to solicit community impact statements from at least 60% of the City's Neighborhood Councils.

The Commission would dissolve after making its recommendations for the November 2026 ballot, unless the term of the Commission is extended by ordinance. The draft ordinance also provides that a new Charter Reform Commission shall be established every ten years such that a periodic review of the Charter can be completed in every year ending in the number 6.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Chief Legislative Analyst's office and the CLA's comments have been incorporated or will be presented to the City Council when it considers this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Harit Trivedi at (213) 978-7100. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By



MICHAEL J. DUNDAS
Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Transmittal

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council APPROVE the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform report recommendations and ADOPT the ORDINANCE attached to the revised City Attorney report dated June 17, 2024, attached to Council file No. 23-1027-S2, relative to adopting the draft ordinance establishing a Charter Reform Commission.

PRESENTED BY _____
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY _____
TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

June 18, 2024

23-1027-S2