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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FINAL

de Toledo High School

September 5, 2024

Revised September 6, 2024

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, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Kim Koerber, Jonathan Marvisi, Saif Mogri, Penelope Newmark, Alejandro Phillips, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Cole Smith, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, and Zhelbert Zohrabian

ABSENT: Vinura Kotuwelle, Noe Loera, Carolyn Poppert, and Miriam Schimmel.

President Char Rothstein called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and a quorum was established.

Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from August 1, 2024 were approved.

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Report: SLO Dinse said Columbian and Chilean burglary crews are working in the area and using hidden WiFi cameras to monitor homes and watch when residents leave. Stolen cars is another big problem. Prop 36 on the November ballot would increase penalties for repeat shoplifting and theft offenders and is meant to reverse some provisions of Prop 47. LAPD cannot remove motorhomes unless they have been parked for more than 72 hours or are being used for criminal activity.

Approve Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2024: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood gave both reports. The only expenditures were normal recurring expenses. Net available was \$39,420.12 at the end of July.

Controller's Report: Controller Saif Mogri presented the report. The balance at the end of August was \$39,154.36.

24-0046 - Approval of the WHNC's July 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER):

Aida Abkarians – Yes

Glenn Jennings – Yes

Noe Loera - Absent

Penelope Newmark - Ineligible

Faye Barta – Yes

Kim Koerber - Yes

Jonathan Marvisi - Yes

Alejandro Phillips – Yes

Carolyn Greenwood - Yes

Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent

Saif Mogri – Yes

Carolyn Poppert – Absent

Bill Rose - Ineligible Char Rothstein - Ineligible Miriam Schimmel - Absent
Cole Smith - Yes Joan Trent - Ineligible Brad Vanderhoof - Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Ineligible Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The MER is approved.

Comments from the Co-Chair(s): None

Board Vacancy Announcement(s): Sandi Bell has resigned from the Board.

Announcements:

Pranav Kunderu, a resident of West Hills and student at Chatsworth High, introduced himself. He said he would like to become more involved in the community and be considered for appointment as a WHNC Youth Advisor.

Scott Schmerlson, LAUSD Vice President and District 3 Superintendant, described recent accomplishments of some local schools. On Thursday, September 19, from 4 to 6 PM, a Wellness Fair will be held at Mullholland High School. All are welcome.

Prabhjot Chamber, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, DONE, said the NC elections awareness plan will be shared this month. Election workshops and roundtables will also be held.

Glenn Bailey, Budget Advocates, said committees have been formed to meet with each city department. NC members may join the committees. Information is on the Budget Advocates website or contact Mr. Bailey. Save the date of June 21, 2025 for Budget Day 2025.

Public Comment:

Ruth Raymond, representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, said her church wants to do more in the community and with service projects.

Dan Brin said California has one of the lowest theft thresholds in the nation.

Glenn Bailey said the guest speaker next week will be Tim Campbell, who writes for CityWatch concerning LASHA and funding. Glenn is part of the City Clerk’s elections workgroup.

Chris Rowe commented she would like the Environment Committee to focus more on SSFL.

Gary Fordyce spoke on Prop 36.

New Business:

24-0047 - Approval of the revised 2024-2025 amended budget to include the rollover of \$9,592.48 and forward it to the City:

Aida Abkarians – Yes	Faye Barta – Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Kim Koerber – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent
Noe Loera – Absent	Jonathan Marvisi – Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes
Penelope Newmark - Ineligible	Alejandro Phillips – Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein – Ineligible	Miriam Schimmel - Absent

Cole Smith – Yes Joan Trent – Ineligible Brad Vanderhoof - Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Ineligible Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The 2024-2025 amended budget is approved.

24-0048 - Approve purchase of six name badges for Board Members in the amount of \$70.00:

Aida Abkarians – Yes Faye Barta – Yes Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes Kim Koerber – Yes Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent
Noe Loera – Absent Jonathan Marvisi – Yes Saif Mogri - Yes
Penelope Newmark – Ineligible Alejandro Phillips – Yes Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose – Ineligible Char Rothstein – Ineligible Miriam Schimmel - Absent
Cole Smith – Yes Joan Trent – Ineligible Brad Vanderhoof - Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Ineligible Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The purchase is approved.

24-0049 - Approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$154.54 to Dan Brin for decorations for the Memorial Day Parade:

Aida Abkarians - Yes Faye Barta - Yes Carolyn Greenwood - Yes Glenn Jennings - Yes
Kim Koerber - Yes Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent Noe Loera - Absent Jonathan Marvisi - Yes
Saif Mogri - Yes Penelope Newmark - Ineligible Alejandro Phillips – Yes Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose - Ineligible Char Rothstein - Ineligible Miriam Schimmel - Absent Cole Smith - Yes
Joan Trent - Ineligible Brad Vanderhoof - Yes Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Ineligible
Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The reimbursement is approved.

24-0050 - Approval of the Event Approval Form and budget in the amount of \$50.00 for the Beautification Committee’s Clean-Up Event on September 28, 2024, on Deveron Ridge Circle from 8 AM to 11 AM:

Aida Abkarians – Yes Faye Barta – Yes Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes Kim Koerber - Yes Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent
Noe Loera – Absent Jonathan Marvisi – Yes Saif Mogri - Yes
Penelope Newmark - Ineligible Alejandro Phillips – Yes Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose - Ineligible Char Rothstein – Ineligible Miriam Schimmel - Absent
Cole Smith – Yes Joan Trent – Ineligible Brad Vanderhoof - Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Ineligible Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The Event Approval Form and Budget are approved.

24-0051 - Community Impact Statement (“CIS”) for CF 24-0602: Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping:

The proposal is a CIS in Support.

Aida Abkarians – Yes	Faye Barta – Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – No	Kim Koerber – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent
Noe Loera – Absent	Jonathan Marvisi - Abstain	Saif Mogri - Abstain
Penelope Newmark - Ineligible	Alejandro Phillips – Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose – Ineligible	Char Rothstein – Ineligible	Miriam Schimmel - Absent
Cole Smith – Yes	Joan Trent - Ineligible	Brad Vanderhoof – Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Ineligible	Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible	

Yes - 7, No – 1, Abstain -- 2, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The CIS is approved.

24-0052 - Community Impact Statement (“CIS”) in opposition on Council File 24-0867: Neighborhood Council Bylaws/ Youth Participation/Diversity Increase/ Leadership Growth:

Aida Abkarians – Yes	Faye Barta – Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Kim Koerber – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent
Noe Loera – Absent	Jonathan Marvisi – Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes
Penelope Newmark - Ineligible	Alejandro Phillips – Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose – Ineligible	Char Rothstein – Ineligible	Miriam Schimmel - Absent
Cole Smith – Yes	Joan Trent – Ineligible	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Ineligible	Zhelbert Zohrabian – Ineligible	

The proposal is a CIS in Opposition.

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The CIS is approved.

24-0053 - Appointment of Brad Vanderhoof as the Chair of the WHNC Streets & Transportation Committee:

Aida Abkarians – Yes	Faye Barta – Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Kim Koerber – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Absent
Noe Loera – Absent	Jonathan Marvisi – Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes
Penelope Newmark – Ineligible	Alejandro Phillips – Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Absent
Bill Rose – Ineligible	Char Rothstein – Ineligible	Miriam Schimmel - Absent
Cole Smith – Yes	Joan Trent – Ineligible	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Ineligible	Zhelbert Zohrabian - Ineligible	

Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 4, Ineligible – 6, Recusal – 0

The appointment is approved.

24-0054 - Discussion regarding the WHNC: President Rothstein went around the table for ideas on improving outreach.

The next Board meeting has been rescheduled to October 10th.

President Char Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Agenda Item 24-0046 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's July 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: July 2024

Budget Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$41592.48	\$815.76	\$40776.72	\$1356.60	\$0.00	\$39420.12

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$29500.00	\$815.76	\$28684.24	\$1356.60	\$27327.64
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$2500.00	\$0.00	\$2500.00	\$0.00	\$2500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	ICONCONTACT	07/18/2024	Contact with WHNC stakeholders	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$744.00
2	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	07/22/2024	WHNC email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$71.76
Subtotal:						\$815.76

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	08/05/2024	WHNC Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$1356.60

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	Item	Committee	Purpose	Budget	Balance	July	Aug	Total Spent
	Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG's)							
23		Youth and Education	NPG's	\$4,500.00				\$0.00
18A		Homelessness	NPG's	\$1,000.00				
19A		Public Safety	NPG's	\$750.00				
		Total						\$0.00
	Community Improvement Projects (CIP's)							
20A		Streets&Transportation	CIP's					
24		Beautification	Cleanups					\$0.00
25		Beautification	Special Events					
	GRAND TOTAL			\$41,592.48	\$39,154.36			\$2,438.12
	ALLOWED BUDGET			\$32,000.00				
26	Clean Street Grant			\$1,324.83				
	Rollover			\$9,592.48				
	GRAND TOTAL			\$41,592.48				
	GREEN COLOR CANNOT CHANGE							
	RED COLOR REQUEST AMOUNT INCLUDES GREEN							

WEST HILLS Neighborhood Council Annual Budget for Fiscal Year: 2024 - 2025	
Annual Budget Funds	\$ 32,000.00
Rollover Funds*	9,592.48
Total Annual Budget Funds	\$ 41,592.48

Office/Operational Expenditures Category	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 519.00
Rent	5.00
Committee Printing	369.00
P.O. Box	450.00
AppleOne	18,000.00
Go Daddy	21.17
WebCorner	1,800.00
RackSpace	850.00
iContact	850.00
Total Office/Operational Expenditures	\$ 22,864.17

*The Funding Program will notify each NC of their Fiscal Year closing balance including available rollover funds and/or applicable adjustment, if any, approximately August 1st or next business day. Depending on when an NC submits its Admin Packet/annual budget, the NC may need to revise and resubmit its annual budget to account for any rollover and/or adjustments.

Outreach Expenditures Category	
Beautification	\$ 400.00
Communication	2,678.31
Govt. Relations - VANC	200.00
Govt. Relations - Congress	500.00
Govt. Relations - Budget Advocates	100.00
Govt. Relations - Empower LA Awards	100.00
Special Events	3,500.00
Total Outreach Expenditures \$ 7,478.31	

Election Expenditures Category	
Elections	\$ 5,000.00
Total Election Expenditures \$ 5,000.00	

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures Category	
Youth and Education	\$ 4,500.00
Homelessness	1,000.00
Public Safety	750.00
Total NPG Expenditures	\$ 6,250.00

Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures Category	
Total CIP Expenditures	0

TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS	
Office/Operational Expenditures	\$ 22,864.17
Outreach Expenditures	\$ 7,478.31
Election Expenditures	\$ 5,000.00
General and Operational Expenditures	\$35,342.48
Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures	\$ 6,250.00
Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures	\$41,592.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR	0

Agenda Item 24-0050 - Discussion and possible action to approve the Event Approval Form and budget in the amount of \$50.00 for the Beautification Committee's Clean-Up Event on September 28, 2024, on Deveron Ridge Circle from 8 AM to 11 AM.



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EVENT APPROVAL REQUEST FORM

Office of the City Clerk – Neighborhood Council Funding Program
200 N. Spring Street, Rm 224, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1058 or Toll-Free 3-1-1
E-mail: Clerk.NCFunding@LACity.org • www.Clerk.LACity.org

Events are great opportunities for Neighborhood Councils to interact with their stakeholders. There are, however, liability and permitting issues that must be handled prior to the event. The Office of the City Clerk, Administrative Services Division, NC Funding Program Section must approve all Neighborhood Council sponsored events before any payments can be processed.

Please complete, sign, and submit this form at least 30 days prior to your event. Missing or incomplete required information or documents will delay review.

Neighborhood Council: West Hills Neighborhood Council

The Neighborhood Council is the Main Sponsor or Co-Sponsor for the event.

Main sponsor: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Contact Person: Brad Vanderhoof and Faye Barta

Email: Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org; Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Event Information

Event Title and Description: Community Cleanup – Deveron Ridge Circle

Date: 09/28/2024 Time Frame: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Est. number of attendees: 25 Event Budget: \$ 50.00

Venue Name: WHNC Beautification Committee September 2024 Clean-Up

Venue Address: Deveron Ridge Circle at Mae Boyar Park

Contact Person: Brad Vanderhoof and Faye Barta

Email: Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org; Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org

Please note: If the venue for the event is at a City or public facility, e.g. park, school, the venue approval may be easier and at little or no cost. If the venue for the event is not a City facility, a separate contract may be needed and can take up to 60 days to complete.

Please scan the following documents and email to Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org for approval PRIOR to event:

- Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form – Signed by Treasurer, 2nd Signer or Event Chair
- Board Action Request (BAC) Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer and 2nd Signer, or Alternate Signer
- Itemized Detailed Event Budget – Total budget with funding categories (food, entertainment, flyers, permits, etc.) and with specific vendors if available.

If a bank card credit limit increase will be necessary to pay for expenditures for this event, please contact your Funding Program Representative to submit a request to increase applicable limits.

The City of Los Angeles provides Neighborhood Councils with event liability coverage in the amount of \$5 million. Depending on the type of event, there may be additional permits and liability issues that must be addressed prior to the event, or the Neighborhood Council will be liable for any penalties or injuries incurred at the event. There may be fees attached to obtaining permits and additional liability so please budget accordingly. It may be easier to partner with the City family or a community based organization or even hire an event planner (will require a contract prepared by the Department) so that they can obtain/handle the necessary permits and liability issues instead. The following must be obtained and submitted **PRIOR TO THE EVENT** if they are applicable to your event:

If FOOD is being purchased/provided/distributed/served at your event, you may be required to obtain the following PERMITS:

- LA County Public Health Department Permits – Community Event Organizer and Temporary Food Facility permits may be required. Permit fees may be waived by the County if requested.
- LA Fire Department – Permit may be necessary for temporary structures setup to prep/cook/serve food.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE, SERVICE AGREEMENTS, and/or FACILITY USE PERMITS from Vendors providing the following types of services. Insurance Certificates need to list the “City of Los Angeles” as Additional Insured.

- Jumpers/Bouncers (Inflatables) – City Risk Management may need to review
- Games (e.g. dunk tank, other carnival style games, video game bus)
- Food (purchased, provided, distributed and/or served)
- Entertainers (e.g. DJs, musicians, face painting, balloon artists, etc.)
- Equipment Rentals (e.g. performing stage, mechanical rides, canopies)
- Event Venues (e.g. school auditoriums, private theaters and halls, parks, street block, etc.)

If RENTING a vehicle or truck to transport event materials:

- Renting and driving of vehicle/truck must be by aboardmember
- Additional Insurance offered by the rental company must be purchased in full

ADDITIONAL PERMITS may be required if the event has:

- Over 500 attendees, which may require LAPD presence - LAPD Special Events
- Street closures for block parties - Bureau of Street Services or LADOT for larger street closures, such as a parade
- Tents/canopies larger than 450 square feet or stages/platforms more than 30 inches above grade - Building and Safety

CONTACT INFORMATION for possible permits:

- Street Maintenance - (213) 847-2999
- Building and Safety - (213) 482-0387
- LADOT (Traffic Officers) - (323) 913-4652
- LADOT (Signs) - (213) 485-2298
- LADOT (Special Operations) - (323) 224-2124
- Risk Management - (213) 978-7475
- LAPD - (213) 486-0410
- LAFD – (213)-978-3640
- Sanitation - (213) 485-3612
- Street Services - <http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents/>
- LA County Public Health Dept. - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov>

Documents to be submitted to NC Funding Program and filed for you records:

- Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form – Signed by Treasurer, 2nd Signer, Event Chair.
- Board Action Certification (BAC) Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer and 2nd Signer, or Alternate Signer
- Itemized Detailed Event Budget – Final total budget with funding categories and specific vendors.
- Vendor Invoices and Service/Facility Use Agreements
- Copies of Insurance Certificates
- Copies of Permits
- Proof of Sponsorships (e.g. event flyers, webpage copy, etc.)
- W-9 (for 1099 Individual Services (if applicable))

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

For Staff Use Only: Approved Denied Code: _____

Reviewers Signatures: 1st Level _____ 2nd Level _____

Reviewers Names: 1st Level _____ 2nd Level _____

File # :	CF 24-0602
Title :	Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping
Type :	
City/State :	

Summary :	S14KONICA_C24052412591 (lacity.org) artificial turf CF 24-0602 letter 2024 08-05 letter (lacity.org) 24-0602 (CFMS) (lacity.org)
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Motion :	<p>Motion ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT Synthetic grass, or artificial turf, is created by fusing together rubber and certain plastics to create the illusion of lush grasses. In recent years, many people have installed artificial turf / synthetic grass for purposes of water conservation, or recreational activity. These artificial fields were so popular, that in states like California, state laws were updated to at one point ensure that these types of products were essential in water saving policy. However, numerous studies have concluded that the use of artificial turf / synthetic grass has several negative environmental impacts. Artificial turf is now known to contain harmful substances such as polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and other “forever chemicals.” In April 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration, through the Environmental Protection Agency, categorized PFAS and other “forever chemicals” as hazardous substances dangerous to human health. The EPA has concluded that exposure to PFAS may lead to reproductive effects, developmental delays, and risks of some cancers. Exposure can occur through inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, and mucous membrane exposure, including microplastic dust kicked up on artificial turf fields. Runoff from artificial turf, including tire rubber crumbs and other materials used for cushioning, can cause PFAS and other contaminants to leach into groundwater or runoff into waterways and the ocean, potentially contaminating drinking water. Additionally, additional turf contributes to the urban “heat island” effect, raising local temperatures, while the City is engaged in other efforts to combat urban heat, including cool pavement and increasing the urban forest. Artificial turf does not support life, including insects and birds, and by depriving underlying soil of water, air and light, can kill beneficial organisms in the soil for many years. In 2023, the State of California enacted SB 676 (Allen), which allows local agencies to prohibit artificial synthetic grass (turf) on residential properties, repealing a previous 2015 state law which had approved artificial grass as a method to save water from irrigation. In fact, several actions have focused on these types of lawns in recent years, such as the 2022 Governor’s order which banned the practice of watering non-functional, or purely decorative artificial / synthetic grass. The Governor’s order provided a potable water statewide estimated savings of between 156,000 acre-feet and 260,000 acre-feet per year, the equivalent of water used by 780,000 households. Unfortunately, decorative lawns cannot be recycled, and are placed in landfills after their use, further allowing chemical deterioration and material breakdown which can find its way into local water sources. To reduce health and environmental risks from PFAS and other contaminants, the City itself should transition away from future use of synthetic turf or artificial grass, and continue to incentivize the transition towards California drought-friendly landscaping broadly. I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In coordination with the City’s Chief Heat Officer and the Climate Emergency Management Office (CEMO), a summary of policies regarding synthetic grass or artificial turf in jurisdictions with climate and water supply issues analogous to Los Angeles, and their heat impacts citywide; • Recommendations to effectuate a transition away from future installations of synthetic grass / artificial turf citywide; • In coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of General - , Services, an analysis of lifecycle costs (installation, operation and maintenance) for different MAY — types of turf surfaces, and recommendations to halt future installation of synthetic grass or artificial turf on City-owned property, including athletic fields, and a plan to remove and
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	<p>replace all current synthetic sports fields; In coordination with the the Department of Water and Power, recommendations for incentives and rebate programs to remove and replace synthetic turf / artificial grass, and encourage the transition to California friendly landscaping; In coordination with the City Administrative Officer, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of General Services, and other impacted departments as needed, report on the budgetary and policy changes needed in order to ensure that all city agencies adhere to the intent of this policy; In consultation with the Los Angeles Unified School District, The Los Angeles Community College District, private schools, and commercial properties, provide options and recommendations to incentivize the replacement of synthetic grass or artificial turf on school playgrounds, athletic fields, and other uses In coordination with the Department of Water and Power, recommendations to end the practice of watering of synthetic turf / artificial lawns. Presented By/L //4120 26 Bob Blumenfield / Councilmember, 3rd District Seconded By:</p>
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Beautification Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	YES = YES on the Motion
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“NO” Vote:	NO = NO on the Motion
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MOTION

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Los Angeles has various Neighborhood Councils that were created to connect its diverse communities to City Hall. They were established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. Together these Neighborhood Councils form the grassroots level of City government. Although Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

The Neighborhood Council system tailors City municipal government to its individual communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities' diversity is built into City governance.

Every Neighborhood Council is held to the local, state, and federal standards that other City offices and agencies must observe. Each Neighborhood Council is uniquely tailored to the communities' specific needs. Each Neighborhood Council has a governing board, structured with seats representing the particular type of stakeholders that they serve. Some Neighborhood Councils have seats for renters while others have seats for equestrians. Boards range in size from 7 to 35 members. Board terms vary as well with most consisting of two- year terms and others consisting of four-year terms. The current challenge faced by Neighborhood Councils is the recurrence of the same individuals serving on their governing boards. Implementing term limits would facilitate the evolution of leadership, ensuring alignment with current events and the evolving needs of the constituents they represent.


Youth development and participation in local activities and government is vital in our communities. In order to increase youth participation and youth leadership in local issues, the City recently established the Youth Development Department. As such, youth participation in Neighborhood Councils should be promoted to keep Neighborhood Councils in touch with the needs of the youth who are vital members of the community as well.

Relative to increasing youth participation, the City should also consider the feasibility of implementing term limits for board members. In this manner, Neighborhood Councils may facilitate greater member participation and leadership development. Presently, the Neighborhood Council bylaws provide for a youth seat on the governing board as an optional provision. To enhance youth participation, it is advisable to mandate the inclusion of a youth seat.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk, be requested to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth;

I FURTHER MOVE the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney, be requested to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members in order to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.

PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

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JUL 30 2024

File # :	CF 24-0867
Title :	<p>Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth (Rodriguez - Hernandez): Introduced July 30, 2024 and referred to Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee. Committee. Motion is requesting that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth. Motion is also requesting the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.</p> <p>S14KONICA_C24073012530 (lacity.org), 24-0867 (CFMS) (lacity.org)</p>
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Motion :	<p>MOTION ENRICHMENT Los Angeles has various Neighborhood Councils that were created to connect its diverse communities to City Hall. They were established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. Together these Neighborhood Councils form the grassroots level of City government. Although Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community. The Neighborhood Council system tailors City municipal government to its individual communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities' diversity is built into City governance. Every Neighborhood Council is held to the local, state, and federal standards that other City offices and agencies must observe. Each Neighborhood Council is uniquely tailored to the communities' specific needs. Each Neighborhood Council has a governing board, structured with seats representing the particular type of stakeholders that they serve. Some Neighborhood Councils have seats for renters while others have seats for equestrians. Boards range in size from 7 to 35 members. Board terms vary as well with most consisting of two- year terms and others consisting of four-year terms. The current challenge faced by Neighborhood Councils is the recurrence of the same individuals serving on their governing boards. Implementing term limits would facilitate the evolution of leadership, ensuring alignment with current events and the evolving needs of the constituents they represent. Youth development and participation in local activities and government is vital in our communities. In order to increase youth participation and youth leadership in local issues, the City recently established the Youth Development Department. As such, youth participation in Neighborhood Councils should be promoted to keep Neighborhood Councils in touch with the needs of the youth who are vital members of the community as well. Relative to increasing youth participation,</p>
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	<p>the City should also consider the feasibility of implementing term limits for board members. In this manner, Neighborhood Councils may facilitate greater member participation and leadership development. Presently, the Neighborhood Council bylaws provide for a youth seat on the governing board as an optional provision. To enhance youth participation, it is advisable to mandate the inclusion of a youth seat. I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk, be requested to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth; I FURTHER MOVE the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney, be requested to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members in order to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.</p>
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<p>EP Position :</p>	<p>The citywide system of neighborhood councils was setup in the City Charter to create advisory bodies reflecting diverse neighborhoods and provide local voices. They were always meant to be autonomous and have the ability to write their own bylaws based on the needs of individual and unique communities.</p>
<p>Vote :</p>	

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