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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES ONLINE & TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA **Wednesday, September 17, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

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 Joint Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness and Public Health Committee meeting will be conducted virtually and telephonically only.

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- Call To Order & Establish a Quorum
- Comments from the Chair
- Review and Approve Minutes of August 20, 2025
- Presentation and Discussion on Fall Weather Safety Tips
- Presentation and Discussion on Fall Health Tips
- General Public Comments
- Topic Suggestions for Future Meetings
- Next Meeting and Adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPARENESS and PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE Meeting DraftMinutes Wednesday August 20, 2025 by Zoom Link

Attendance: Saif Mogri, Faye Barta, Brad Vanderhoof, Brenda Citrom, Kim Koerbe, Aida Abkarians and Glenn Jennings.

Committee Members Absent: None

Other WHNC Board Members Present: None

1. Call to order and Establish Quorum: Saif Mogri called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was established.
2. Comments from the Chair: No Comments
3. Review and Approve Minutes of June 18, 2025: The minutes were approved.
4. Presentation and Discussion on Beach Safety: Saif presented safety tips for kids at the beach. Some of the main points were to have a swim buddy, know the meanings of the flags, swim near a lifeguard booth, etc. The presentation also described rip current and how to swim out of it if caught in a rip current. Brenda described her experience of one being caught in a rip current with her four year old son on her back.
5. Presentation and Discussion of Use of Smart Devices and Mental Health of Young Children: Saif discussed the effects of children spending too much time on smart devices. It can lead to obesity since they do not spend time playing or doing physical activity. It can effect there sleep schedule which can lead to behavioral and poor academic performance. Some ways to reduce media time is to reduce background TV noise and not have media present during family dinner. Also, parents must be aware of what the kids are watching and it is a good idea to watch shows with the children. The committee members even mentioned that parents must also reduce their own screen time. Kim mentioned that influencers on media have a great impact on the children.
6. General Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.
7. Topic Suggestions for Future Meetings: There were no suggestions..
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.