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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 17, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.

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

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1. Call to Order/ Establish Quorum: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Co-Chair, Brenda Citrom, Co-Chair, Kim Koerber, Co-Chair, Aida Abkarians, Saif Mogri, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Secretary.
2. Comments from the Chairs.
3. General Public Comment Review and Approval of July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
4. Discussion and possible action on Council File #26-0489 Putting Charter Reform Contents on November Ballot; the Charter Reform Commission recommended increasing the number of City Council members from 10 to 25. The WHNC met and discussed this topic and does not recommend supporting this increase because the budget crisis at this time cannot support adding City Council members and their staff. The WHNC will generate a CIS to this effect.
5. Discussion and possible action for a budget request for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils for \$400.00

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Chaminade High School

July 20, 2026

Revised July 21, 2026

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Government Relations Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Attendance: Aida Abkarians (virtual SB707), Brenda Citrom, Glenn Jennings, Kim Koerber, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Committee Members Absent: Saif Mogri

Other Board Members Present: Ilona Illes (Youth Advisor)

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum: Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Comments from the Co-Chairs: Joanne discussed the Charter Reform Proposal.

3. General Public Comment: None -- Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Approved.

4. Council File #26-0489 Putting Charter Reform Contents on November Ballot:

Joanne discussed the charter amendment to expand the LA City Council to 25 members. Glenn and Brenda supported this change. Joanne, Kim and Brad expressed concerns over the costs associated.

CIS in Opposition

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Brenda Citrom – Abstain, Glenn Jennings – Abstain, Kim Koerber – Yes, Saif Mogri – Absent, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 2, Absent – 1, Recusal – 0

The CIS will be sent to the WHNC Board of Directors.

5. Council File #15-0989 Olympic & Paralympic Zoning Exemption Ordinance: Item tabled to August.

Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for August 17, 2026, 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School.

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Item #67, Council file No. 26-0489

June 17, 2026

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DETERMINE that the Charter amendments to be presented for the November 2026 ballot are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines sections 15378(b)(5) (organizational or administrative activities of governments) and 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption).

Adopted Forthwith, 15 Ayes

Present to Voters in November 2026 Ballot

Public Works

2. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to remove references to the existing Bureaus of the Department of Public Works in the Charter (Section 507). (CRC 1)

Adopted Forthwith; 9 Ayes; 6 Nos: Hutt, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martinez

3. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with Charter Reform Recommendation (CRC) No. 1 to change Section 581 and 582 to empower the Director of Public Works and better define this role in relation to the Board of Public Works. (CRC 1)

Adopted Forthwith; 9 Ayes; 6 Nos: Hutt, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martinez

4. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to allow any changes relative to the Board of Public Works, to be enabled by ordinance.

Adopted Forthwith; 9 Ayes; 6 Nos: Hutt, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martinez

5. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to establish a Capital Improvement Program within the Charter with the parameters, governance, and administration of the program and capital planning process, to be established by ordinance. (CRC 2)

- Upon voter approval of this amendment, request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance related to the creation of a Capital Improvement Program.

Amending Motion 67D (Hernandez - Harris-Dawson)

Adopted as Amended by (Hernandez - Harris-Dawson) Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Recreation and Parks

6. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Section 593 related to the Charter-mandated minimum allocation for the Department of Recreation and Parks, as follows (CRC 4):
 - Increase the RAP's budget allocation to 0.0485% of assessed property value;
 - Phase the increase to the RAP's budget over a period of four years;
 - Allow suspension of up to 30 percent of Charter-mandated funds if City declares a fiscal emergency

Adopted as Amended by Amending Motion 67H (Rodriguez - Jurado - Hutt - et al)

As further verbally amended by (Yaroslavsky - Rodriguez) for the CAO to report back with the fiscal impact of the increase over 10 years.

Adopted Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Blumenfield

7. Instruct the CAO and RAP to report with recommendations for setting a time-limited requirement of a percentage of this increase to be dedicated to capital improvements.

Adopted Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No : Hutt

8. Instruct RAP and CAO to coordinate a working group to engage the County in preparation for a possible 2028 ballot measure, in order to ensure a fair share of funding for the City in any Countywide measure or by doing our own measure to identify revenue for our park systems and programs. (CRC 4)

Adopted Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Hutt

Planning

9. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 6 to restructure the Area Planning Commissions into a new Neighborhood Appeals Commission consisting of seven members, and allow the Commission to consider issues *de novo* in appeals. (CRC 6)
 - Instruct the Planning Department to report on the impacts of the proposal on the approval of affordable housing projects.

Adopted as Amended by Amending Motion 68A (Hernandez - Lee)

Adopted Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Hutt

10. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 7 that amends Section 245(e) to create a 30-day time limit for the City

Planning Commission or Neighborhood Appeals Commission to concur with or dissent from Council upon remand and after Council asserts jurisdiction. The Commissions' action on remand shall be referred to Council for a final vote and the Council must act within 21 days or the action of the Commission becomes final. (CRC 7)

Motion (Blumenfield - Raman) to include a statement in the code section that any Council adopted recess schedule dates be excluded from the 21 days.

Adopted as amended by Motion (Blumenfield - Raman) Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Padilla

11. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 8, which deems a General Plan Amendment (GPA) approved by the City Council if the Council does not act within 75 days of the City Planning Commission and Mayor's approval of the GPA. (CRC 8)

Adopted Forthwith; 8 Ayes; 7 No: Hernandez, Lee, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price, Soto-Martinez

12. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 9 which grants Council the authority to exceed the existing FAR of 13:1 via ordinance. (CRC 9)

Adopted Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Padilla

13. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 10 to streamline quasi-judicial decisionmaking. (CRC 10)
 - Request the City Attorney to consult with the Department of City Planning to identify the details that can be moved into ordinance, including those pertaining to the Office of the Zoning Administrator, to create more flexibility for the Planning Department.

Adopted Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Padilla

Budget and Finance

14. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to remove Charter Section 104(g) related to the Business Enterprises restriction in the Charter. (CRC 11)

Adopted Forthwith, 15 Ayes

15. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Section 291 to include the "Chief Financial Officer" role and debt management duties among the powers and duties of the CAO. (CRC 13)

Motion (Blumenfield - Jurado) to include the "Chief Financial Officer" role and debt management duties to the CAO via ordinance and to refer the matter to the Ad Hoc committee.

Adopted; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Lee

Motion to Reconsider (Harris-Dawson - Jurado)

Adopted; 15 Ayes

Motion (Blumenfield - Jurado) to include the “Chief Financial Officer” role and debt management duties to the CAO via ordinance and to refer the matter to the Ad Hoc committee.

Adopted Forthwith; 11 Ayes; 4 No: Harris-Dawson, Lee, Park, Price

Motion (McOsker - Harris-Dawson) requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to include the “Chief Financial Officer” role and debt management duties to the CAO.

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

16. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to indicate that the City shall operate on a biennial budget cycle encompassing a period of two consecutive fiscal years, unless otherwise stated by ordinance or resolution that is adopted by the Council or Mayor. (CRC 59)
 - Instruct the CAO and City Attorney to report if there are other Charter amendments that are necessary to effectuate the two-year budget.

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Ethics and Elections

17. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 27 to prohibit a member of the Ethics Commission and the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission from running for City office or LAUSD Board of Education office for at least five years following the expiration of the term of office. (CRC 27)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

18. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 32 that increases the monetary penalty for an Ethics violation to the greater of \$15,000 for each violation, or three times the amount for which the person improperly reported or contributed. This maximum amount should be adjusted according to CPI. This should not include the provision as proposed by the CRC that prohibits the use of campaign funds to pay for violations. (CRC 32)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

19. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 38 to remove several provisions in Section 803 concerning the Los Angeles Unified School District and add these references to the Los Angeles Municipal Code. (CRC 38)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

20. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Section 461(a) to change the signature requirement for referendary petitions from 10 percent to 15 percent. (Rules #5)

Adopted Forthwith; 12 Ayes, 3 No: Hutt, Nazarian, Raman

Neighborhood Councils

21. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the following provisions in the Charter related to Neighborhood Councils (CRC 47 - CRC 53):
- Update the title of Section 905 to “Initial Implementation of the Plan”;
 - Change the title of Section 907 to “Advance Notice and Opportunities for Input”;
 - Capitalize “Neighborhood Council” throughout the Charter;
 - Replace the word “Citizen” with “Civic” participation throughout Article IX;
 - Replace the word “officers” with “Board Members” in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s Charter provisions; and, capitalizes references to “Neighborhood Councils”
 - Update the title of Section 904 to “Development and Maintenance of Neighborhood Council Plan; and, capitalizes references to “Neighborhood Councils”; and,
 - Remove provisions in the Charter stating that Neighborhood Council membership is open to “everyone who lives; works or owns property in the area” and replaces this with “stakeholders,” which will be further defined by ordinance; and capitalizes references to “Neighborhood Councils”

Adopted Forthwith, 15 Ayes

Police and Fire

22. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to consistent with the recommendations in CRC 54, with the following additional language (CRC 54):

Nothing in this section shall limit any authority of the Council otherwise conferred by this Charter, and no interference shall be drawn from this section restricting the subjects upon which the Council may legislative, including its authority establishing the policy of the Police Department, except that the Council shall not pass any ordinance that does any of the following:

- (a) directs, prohibits, or otherwise controls the conduct of, or the deployment of personnel or equipment in a particular incident, investigation, or operation; or*
(b) directs or otherwise controls the authority of the Chief of Police over the appointment, discharge, or discipline of specific individual employees under Sections 574 Or 1070.

As used in this section, “policies” mean rules, regulations, standards, procedures, or directives of general application, whether applicable to the Department as a whole or to any bureau, division, unit program, or function of the Department.

Motion (McOsker - Soto-Martinez) to request the City Attorney to provide a confidential analysis of the scope to meet and confer about this issue.
Adopted as Amended by Motion (McOsker - Soto-Martinez) Forthwith, 10 Ayes, 5 Nos: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Lee, Nazarian, Park

23. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter relative to the Council’s veto of Board of Police Commissioners actions to amend Section 245 to

expand the authority of the Council to veto specific actions of the Board of Police Commissioners, as follows (CRC 56):

The Council may assert jurisdiction of an action of the Board of Police Commissioners related to policies, regulations, procedures and programs of the Police Department and may, by a two-thirds vote, veto the action. Upon the Council's first veto of such an action, the Board of Police Commissioners shall have 30 days to take up the matter again and either override the Council's veto, or modify the Board's prior action, which modification shall start the process anew. An action of the Board of Police Commissioners to override the veto of the Council shall be transmitted to the Council, where it shall be taken up on second and final consideration. During the second and final consideration, the Council may veto the action by two-thirds vote and, should it do so, shall have the same authority to act on the matter as that originally held by the Board of Police Commissioners. If the Council fails to act within 21 calendar days of receiving the override transmittal, the original action of the Board of Police Commissioners shall become final. Further, Council shall have independent policy authority to act on an item if the Board of Police Commissioners fails to act on an item returned to the Board for reconsideration within 60 days.

This additional authority applies only in matters related to polices, regulation, procedures and programs of the Police Department. This would not apply to matters related to the deployment of personnel or equipment in particular incident, investigation or operation, or to matters related to the Chief's authority over the appointment, discharge, or discipline of specific individual employees under Charter Sections 574 or 1070.

For all other matters approved by the Board of Police Commissioners, the Council may assert jurisdiction of the action and may, by a two-thirds vote to veto those actions, which are remanded to the Board of Police Commissioners under the process that is authorized under the current language of Charter Section 245.

Further, clarify that the Council's power to review personnel decisions via Section 245(d)(7) is limited to Board actions related to the Police Chief and does not apply to other personnel decisions by the Board.

Motion (McOsker - Rodriguez) to request the City Attorney to provide a confidential analysis of the scope to meet and confer about this issue.

Adopted as Amended by Motion (McOsker - Rodriguez); 12 Ayes; 3 No: Lee, McOsker, Park

Motion (Harris-Dawson - Park) to reconsider.

Adopted 15 Ayes

Motion (McOsker - Soto-Martinez) to send the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Adopted Motion (McOsker - Rodriguez) amended by Motion (McOsker - Soto-Martinez) Forthwith; 15 Ayes

24. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Section 573 related to the Inspector General of the Police Department and Section 523 related to the Independent Assessor of the Fire Department to strike any authority of the Board of Police Commissioners and Board of Fire Commissioners, by a majority vote, to direct the Inspector

General or Independent Assessor not to commence or continue an investigation or audit. (Rules #2)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Contracting and Procurement

25. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 63, which allows exceptions to lowest bid requirements for critical infrastructure and software. (CRC 63)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

26. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 64 to allow a contracting authority to cure technical/administrative defects as it relates to violations of campaign contribution related disclosures. (CRC 64)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

27. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter consistent with CRC 65 to allow the Department of Airports, Harbor Department, and LADWP to enter into 66 year leases, subject to Council approval. (CRC 65)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Personnel

28. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Section 1005 consistent with Recommendation No. 2 in the Personnel Department's communication, dated May 26, 2026, to add language that allows for limited exceptions to be articulated in the Civil Service Rules to evaluate candidates based on whether they meet the requirements of the position. (Personnel #2)

Motion (Hutt - McOsker) to refer the matter to the CAO, EERC, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform (to be formed);

Adopted Motion (Hutt - McOsker) Forthwith; 12 Ayes, 3 No: Harris-Dawson, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky

29. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Section 1006 to increase seniority credits for military candidates from 5 percent to 10 percent. (Personnel #3b)

Motion (McOsker - Hutt) to refer the matter to the CAO, EERC, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform (to be formed);

Adopted Motion (McOsker - Hutt) Forthwith; 13 Ayes, 2 No: Harris-Dawson, Yaroslavsky

30. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Sections 1003, 1004, 1013, and 1014 consistent with Recommendation No. 4 in the Personnel Department's communicated, dated May 26, 2026, to transfer administrative authority from the Civil Service Commission to the General Manager of the Personnel Department. (Personnel #4)

Motion (McOsker - Hutt) to refer the matter to the CAO, EERC, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform (to be formed);

Adopted Motion (McOsker - Hutt) Forthwith; 13 Ayes, 2 No: Harris-Dawson, Yaroslavsky

Miscellaneous

31. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to strengthen language access in Charter Section 103, and elsewhere in the Charter as appropriate. This Charter amendment should include provisions stating that any specific obligations be created via ordinance. (CRC 39)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

32. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to remove Charter Section 242(a), which pertains to the Council conduct of meetings from the Charter. (Rules #4)
- Upon approval by the voters, request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that incorporates the provisions of Charter Section 242(a) related to the Council conduct of meetings into the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

33. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend Charter Section 514(b)(7) related to the ability of the Mayor and Council to reorganize the Police Department and Fire Department to remove the phrase “or character.” (Rules #6)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

34. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to repeal Section 104(a) related to restrictions on the City’s ability to mortgage properties. (Rules #7)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Forwarded to Council without Recommendation (Motion Required)

Police

35. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to include language that requires the Chief of Police to ensure that the Police Department supports and protects the constitutional rights of all persons, specifically their rights to assemble and protest; and, includes a provision that states that the Chief of Police can directly remove officers if they have engaged in misconduct. (CRC 58)
- This proposal is forwarded to the Council without a recommendation, pending a declaration of impasse.

Motion (Soto-Martinez - Harris-Dawson) to refer the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform (to be formed).

Adopted Motion (Soto-Martinez - Harris-Dawson); Forthwith, 15 Ayes

Elections and Ethics

36. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to place on the November 2026 ballot a measure that would amend the Charter to grant Council the ability to

introduce an ordinance that would authorize noncitizens to vote in elections for City offices and for members of the Board of Education. (C.F. 26-0638)

- This proposal is forwarded to the Council without a recommendation.

Adopted as Amended by Amending Motion 76A (Soto-Martinez - Hernandez) Forthwith; 10 Ayes; 5 Nos: Blumenfield, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Rodriguez

Personnel

37. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to increase the number of exempt positions in the City, as outlined in Recommendation No. 1 from the Personnel Department's reports, dated May 26, 2026 and June 11, 2026. (Personnel #1)

- This proposal is forwarded to the Council without a recommendation, pending a declaration of impasse.

Motion (McOsker - Hutt) to refer the matter to the CAO, EERC, and Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion (Park - Harris-Dawson) to adopt the recommendation.

Motion (Park - Harris-Dawson) FAILS; 7 Ayes; 5 Nos: Hernandez, Hutt, McOsker, Nazarian, Soto-Martinez; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

Adopted Motion (McOsker - Hutt) Forthwith; 12 Ayes; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

38. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present the documents necessary to amend the Charter to create the option to combine Open and Promotional exam takers into a single list to allow the City to evaluate candidates from outside the City alongside internal, promotional candidates, as outlined in Recommendation No. 3 from the Personnel Department's reports, dated May 26, 2026 and June 11, 2026. (Personnel #3a)

- This proposal is forwarded to the Council without a recommendation, pending a declaration of impasse.

Motion (McOsker - Hutt) to refer the matter to the CAO, EERC, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform (to be formed);

Adopted Motion (McOsker - Hutt) Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Yaroslavsky

Administrative Code Changes

39. Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend the Administrative Code that further develops the roles and responsibilities of the Decennial Charter Review Commission, including that such Commissions begin their work no later than April 1 in a year ending in 7 beginning in 2037. (CRC 66)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Items for Further Study

40. Instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the impacts and costs associated with bifurcating the City Attorney's Office as proposed by the

Charter Reform Commission, and on the impacts and costs of establishing an Office of Legal Counsel within the Chief Legislative Analyst. (C.F. 26-0489-S7; CRC 14)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

41. Instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the City Clerk, to report with an analysis of Ranked Choice Voting, Approval Voting, and any other possible voting reforms that would increase turnout and improve City elections as part of Charter reform. The analysis should include any cost associated with changing our election process and if the County will be able to administer any changes. (C.F. 26-0489-S6; CRC 22)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

42. Instruct the CLA, in consultation with the Ethics Commission, to report back on the implication of the Ethics Commission having an independent counsel and how they would work with the City Attorney's office, including in a scenario where the City Attorney's office is bifurcated. Analysis should include fiscal impact. (CRC 28)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

43. Instruct the CLA, in conjunction with the City Attorney, to report with options on whether the suspension provisions for elected officers should be included in the Los Angeles Administrative Code or should be further defined in the Charter. (CRC 30)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

44. Instruct the CLA to report on how the Council should fill an office in the event of a temporary vacancy that arises from a suspension pursuant to Charter Section 211. (CRC 31)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

45. Instruct the CLA, in conjunction with the City Attorney, to report back with proposed ordinance language necessary to implement the recommendation in the Administrative Code. (CRC 34)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

46. Instruct the CLA and CAO to report back regarding the implications and feasibility of replacing references to "matching public funds" with "public campaign financing," including identification of any unintended legal, fiscal, or policy consequences. (CRC 35)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

47. Instruct the CLA, with the assistance of the City Clerk and City Attorney, to report on the impacts and costs, and alternative timeframes for requiring special elections in the event of a vacancy. (CRC 36)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

48. Instruct the LAPD, CAO, CLA and City Attorney to report to the Budget and Finance Committee with an analysis of the proposal to establish a liability insurance program for sworn officers, which could be established by Ordinance. This report should include: (CRC 55)

- A framework and implementation process for requiring every sworn LAPD officer to maintain liability insurance of not less than \$1M;
- An analysis of available insurance providers and policy structures for providing such insurance;
- Recommendations for establishing annual cost adjustments based on a CPI index;
- Any legal or labor implications regarding the City's authority to require insurance coverage as a condition of employment; and
- A fiscal analysis of the potential impact on the City's General Fund, including projected reductions in liability expenditures and settlements associated with officer misconduct claims.

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

49. Instruct the CAO, CLA, and City Attorney to report on proposed amendments to either the City's Financial Policies or Administrative Code to incorporate the core components required for the two-year budget (i.e., Four Year Strategic Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Mid-Term Biennial Budget Report and related evaluation process, etc.).

- Note and file CRC 60, inasmuch as the Mid-Term Biennial Budget evaluation process and report can be established by ordinance.

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

50. Instruct the City Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Contract Administration, the City Attorney, the proprietary departments, and any contracting departments as necessary, to report on the impacts of amending Charter Section 371(a) to allow contracts to be let to the bidder providing the best value. (CRC 61)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

51. Request the City Attorney and instruct the CLA to report on the legal and operational implications of a potential Charter amendment that would expand the Board of Police Commissioners from five to seven members, with four members to be appointed by the Mayor and three members to be appointed by the City Council. (Rules #8)

Adopted Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Additionally, Recommendations No. 52-58 related to CRC 5, 12, 24, 25, 43, 62 and Rules #3 are recommended by the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, as detailed in the CLA report, for further study.

Adopted Recommendation Nos. 52, 55-58 Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Adopted Recommendation Nos. 53 Forthwith; 12 Ayes; 3 Nos: Hernandez, Raman, Soto-Martinez.

Adopted Recommendation No. 54 Forthwith; 13 Ayes; 2 Nos: Hernandez, Raman

Note and File

Recommendations No. 59-79 related to CRC 3, 15 to 21, 23, 26, 29, 33, 37, 40 to 42, 44 to 46, 57, and 60 (related to the inclusion of the Mid-Term Biennial Budget evaluation process and report, inasmuch as this can be established by ordinance), and Rules #1 are recommended to be noted and filed.

Recommendations No. 80-85 related to recommendations from the Black Worker's Center are recommended to be noted and filed in as much as a package of Motions will be introduced by the Council to further examine these recommendations at a later date.

Recommendations No. 86-107 are related to Motions that have been continued for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review or noted and filed, and are outlined in the CLA's attached table.

Adopted Recommendation Nos. 61-66, 68-71, 73-85, 87-96, 98-100, 103-107 Forthwith; 15 Ayes

Adopted Recommendation Nos. 59, 60, 72 Forthwith; 14 Ayes; 1 No: Hutt

Motion (Hernandez - Harris-Dawson) to send Recommendation No. 67 to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Adopted Motion (Hernandez - Harris-Dawson) Forthwith; 12 Ayes; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

Adopted Recommendation 86 as Amended by Amending Motion 67C (McOsker - Park) and Amending Motion 67G (McOsker - Park) with the withdrawal of Amending Motion 67B (McOsker - Park) Forthwith; 12 Ayes; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

Adopted Recommendation 97 as Amended by Amending Motion 67E (McOsker - Lee) Forthwith; 11 Ayes; 1 No: Hernandez; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

Adopted Recommendation No. 101; 12 Ayes; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

Adopted Recommendation No. 102 as Amended by Amending Motion 67A (Padilla - Park) Forthwith; 8 Ayes; 4 Nos: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

Motion (Yaroslavsky - Harris-Dawson) to refer Amending Motion 67F (Hernandez - Jurado) to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Adopted Forthwith; 12 Ayes; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

ADOPTED ITEM #67 AS AMENDED FORTHWITH

Adopted as Amended Forthwith; 12 Ayes; Absent: Blumenfield, Jurado, Price

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Spending Request Form

Please print legibly or type

Date of submission:	5-18-2026	Committee Name:	Government Relations Committee
Chairperson/Stakeholder:	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Date Approved by Committee:	
Phone:	(818)347-6742	Email:	Joanne.whnc@gmail.com
Event/Activity	2026 Congress of Neighborhood Councils		

Total Amount Requested:	\$400	Budget Line Item:	
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Justification for request. This must include a statement about how the event/activity benefits the stakeholders of West Hills.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List all expense items, quantities, and amounts:

Item & Quantity	Amount
1 support of Congress	\$400

For Budget Committee/Controller Use Only:

Committee Approved	Budget Approved	Board Approved