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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE ONLINE & TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

In conformity with the January 1, 2026 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) and LA City Council File 23-1114, the West Hills Neighborhood Council Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting, will be conducted virtually and telephonically. All are invited to participate and attend.

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- Call To Order & Establish a Quorum
- Comments from the Chair
- Review and Approve Minutes of July 15, 2026
- Presentation and Discussion on RYLAN
- Discussion on City Council Motion 29-0906-S4
- General Public Comments
- Future Topics – Heat wave, Cyclosporiasis, any other suggestions
- Next Meeting and Adjournment

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A legislative body that does not provide a time 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise to be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

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JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE Meeting Draft Minutes Wednesday July 15, 2026 by Zoom Link

Attendance: Saif Mogri, Brenda Citrom, Kim Koerber, Brad Vanderhoof and Glenn Jennings.

Committee Members Absent: Aida Abkarian and Nick Eskandari

Other WHNC Board Members Present: Melissa Findling.

1. Call to order and Establish Quorum: Saif Mogri, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. A quorum was established. Melissa Findling decided and was appointed as a member of the committee.

2. Comments from the Chair: Saif mentioned possible topics for the future – Cyclosporiasis.

3. Review and Approve Minutes of April 15, 2026 and May 20, 2026: The minutes were approved.

4. Presentation and Discussion on Hantavirus: Saif presented and discussed the Hantavirus disease because of the incident on the cruise ship that resulted in the death of several people. Hantavirus is caused by coming in contact with rodents and can be transmitted between humans. Some of the symptoms are headaches, chills and fatigue. There is no specific treatment for hantavirus infection. Patients should receive supportive care, including rest, hydration, and treatment of symptoms.

5. General Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

6. Topic Suggestions for Future Meetings: Kim Koerber suggested heat stroke,

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

On June 17, 2026, a fire erupted at a large cold storage warehouse facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights, prompting shelter-in-place orders, public health advisories, ongoing air quality monitoring, and a multi-day emergency response. The incident demonstrated the importance of neighborhood-level preparedness and reinforced the need for strong partnerships between City departments and trusted community leaders before, during, and after an emergency.

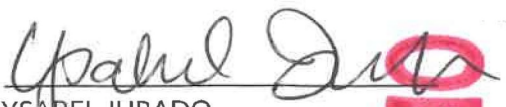
Neighborhood Councils serve as the City's most localized form of civic engagement and are often a trusted source of information for residents during emergencies. As representatives of their communities, Neighborhood Council board members are well-positioned to support emergency preparedness efforts, share critical information, connect residents to available resources, and assist in strengthening coordination between neighborhoods and City departments.

The Los Angeles Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program provides free, hands-on training that equips participants with the knowledge and skills to safely prepare for and respond to emergencies, including earthquakes, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents, and other disasters. Expanding participation in this existing program would establish a consistent baseline of emergency readiness among Neighborhood Council leadership while strengthening coordination between Neighborhood Councils and the LAFD during emergencies.

Given the existing CERT program and the important role Neighborhood Councils play in supporting their communities during emergencies, the City should evaluate the feasibility of establishing a standardized CERT certification requirement for a majority of Neighborhood Council board members.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), to provide a report with recommendations to require the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, and renewal requirements. The department should consider more accessible training opportunities, such as providing the CERT Program remotely.

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