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Special Government Relations Committee Meeting

Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 5:00 P.M. PDT

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THIS WOODLAND HILLS WARNER CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must enter the meeting via the above Zoom link or dial (669) 900-6833, and enter: **820 9999 8093** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Government Relations Committee Meeting of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 by phone or use the Raise Hand option on Zoom, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. 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 Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee or Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 1 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the board.

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In the event of a disruption that prevents the Government Relations Committee 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 Government Relations Committee control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the Government Relations Committee 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 Government Relations Committee from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The Government Relations Committee shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Government Relations Committee 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 Government Relations Committee, 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) If the Government Relations Committee 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 h, to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) If the Government Relations Committee 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) If the Government Relations Committee 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.

Items for discussion and possible action:

All comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee.

I. Welcome and Call to Order by the Chair. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

Roll call of members: Chair: Reina Cerros McCaughey, Committee Members: Jayce Baron, Stakeholders: Aaron Quantz, Gary J. Mevorah. Douglas Smith

II. Administrative Motions: Motion to approve meeting minutes 10/ See supporting Documents

III. Public Announcements by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff.

(2) minutes per speaker.

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IV. Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): (1) minute per speaker.

- V. Committee Chair Report. (5 Minutes)** Local Election Wrap Up. Discussion on Measures passed at the November 5, 2024 General Election.
Local Representatives, reelected by a majority: US Representative Brad Sherman, CA State Senator Henry Stern, CA Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel.

VI. Items for discussion and possible action:

Stakeholder Public Comment will be taken on each agenda item: (2) minutes per speaker.

Presentation by Alex Tron, Staff Attorney at [The Social Impact Center](#)

Discussion about Proposition 36 which ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES.

Motion:

WHEREAS, State Measure 36 allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950 if the defendant has **two prior drug or theft convictions**, significantly increasing sentences for low-level offenses;

WHEREAS, the measure disproportionately affects low-income individuals, many of whom are already facing systemic barriers to employment, housing, and education;

WHEREAS, criminal records resulting from such measures perpetuate cycles of poverty and recidivism, limiting individuals' ability to secure better jobs, stable housing, and access to higher education opportunities;

WHEREAS, **expungement services are critical for providing a second chance to individuals** by reducing or clearing convictions, thereby enhancing job prospects and improving overall socioeconomic mobility;

WHEREAS, The Social Impact Center's expungement services in Los Angeles have proven essential in addressing these challenges, offering valuable resources to low-income community members and breaking the cycle of poverty and reentry challenges;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports and promotes expungement initiatives and similar services as vital tools for improving the lives of those adversely affected by disproportionate sentencing laws.

Roll Call Vote:

VII. Items for discussion and possible action:

Stakeholder Public Comment will be taken on each agenda item: (2) minutes per speaker.

Discuss Neighborhood Purpose Grants to benefit organizations serving the West Valley.

Roll Call Vote:

VIII: Any new items or items not covered for discussion on the November meeting.

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