



## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 6:30 – 7:50 pm**

Woodland Hills Library, 22200 Ventura Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

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**Committee Members:** Bill Anderson (Chair), Dan Chernow, Paul Lawler, Gina Thornburg, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Ex Officio

- Call to Order
- Pledge
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes, February 26, 2019 Committee Meeting
- **Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda (15 minutes)**

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **Items for discussion and possible vote:**

- 1. Discussion of “Meet the Principals” Outreach Program**
- 2. Discussion of Request to LAUSD for Information**
- 3. Discussion of LAUSD Study Regarding Possible Use of Under-Utilized School Property**

Discussion & Possible Action:

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WHEREAS as LAUSD's 6-month study of the use of under-utilized LAUSD school sites for non-school purposes is scheduled for completion on or about 15 May 2019, before the LASUSD Board's regularly scheduled meeting on 21 May 2019, and

WHEREAS the results of said study will directly affect the education of the children who attend LAUSD schools in Woodland Hills both now and in the future, and

WHEREAS the results of said study will directly affect the quality of life of both the children of Woodland Hills and their families, both now and in the future,

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Education Committee submits the following motion to the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council for approval at its 8 May 2019 meeting:

“WHEREAS, in November 2018, LAUSD Board Members voted to conduct a six-month study of the use of their under-utilized school sites for purposes *other than schools*; and

WHEREAS, there were five school listed by LAUSD in the West Valley that would be included in this study (Collins Elementary School, Highlander Rd Elementary School, Hughes Middle School, Oso Elementary School and Platt Ranch Elementary School); and,

WHEREAS, these five school properties are needed to provide K-8 schools in Woodland Hills and West Hills, as there are no other LAUSD locations available in Woodland hills or West Hills; and

WHEREAS, in February 2019, a group of concerned homeowners and residents of the Carlton Terrace area helped form a coalition of similar groups adjoining the four other similar unused or underused school properties in the valley, coordinated by the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (WHHO); and,

WHEREAS, petitions were circulated in the areas surrounding these school sites, and gathered over 1000+ signatures to date, including 646 signatures in support of rebuilding a K-8 school *only* at the Oso Elementary School site due to the location being entirely within a residential neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, in Woodland Hills, the Warner Center 2035 Plan has resulted in high-density housing with 8,793 fully built residential dwellings and another 1,615 residential units that are currently under construction, with a total of 26,048 residential units to be built in Woodland Hills alone; and,

WHEREAS, additional residential units are planned and/or are currently under construction in areas near Warner Center and in West Hills; and

WHEREAS, there is an anticipated increase of 5,000 school age children in the West Valley due to these housing increases who will need local schools to attend; and

WHEREAS, most of the LAUSD existing schools in the West Valley are near capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of LAUSD is the education of our children;

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Education Committee recommends that the Board of the WHWCNC resolve to notify the City Council and the LAUSD Board it does NOT SUPPORT the use the under-utilized school sites used for purposes *other than schools*. These sites must remain for *educational purposes only due to the anticipated growth in Warner Center*. We further request that new K-8 school construction begin immediately, or that these five school sites be maintained as-is until the future local education need is determined. Furthermore, the Board asks Council Member Blumenfield work with the coalition so future Warner Center educational needs will be represented.”

**4. Committee Administration**

- New Members
- Planning for FY 2019 / 2020

**5. New Business**

**Adjournment of meeting:**

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