



SPECIAL AGENDA – WHWCNC FULL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 8:30 p.m.

American Legion Hall

5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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AGENDA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment Period (on items not on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker

Items for Board discussion and possible action:

Item No. (1) August Steurer, Chair – WHIP Committee

(19-147) Response to Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Report/White Paper

Discussion and possible vote:

Motion:

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA) are volunteers representing Neighborhood Councils from all parts of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the NCBA spent many hours with City Department Heads discussing Department Budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the NCBA wrote an extensive White Paper that evaluated each department and the cooperation among departments as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the NCBA found many operational deficiencies in city departments; and,

WHEREAS, the NCBA found a lack of general cohesive city management; and

WHEREAS, the NCBA found the City of Los Angeles routinely spends each year more than was budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the NCBA found Los Angeles' two pension plans are only 82% funded, but may be more realistically only 72% funded; and,

WHEREAS, the Budget Advocates found at the same time departments are undermanned, including the Personnel Department; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council establishes controls or projects that are then not enforced or funded; and,

WHEREAS, the Budget Advocates present numerous good recommendations in their report to the City Council and the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, because they found departments acting as self-contained entities, interacting minimally with other departments, the Budget Advocates concluded that the City needs a non-elected City Manager, who, as stated in their report, is "a non-political hire with the requisite experience to manage a big city, oversee departments including sweeping out the siloization that impedes their efficient operation, coordinate long-term solutions to current problems and proactively ensure decisions are made to best serve the City's needs, address the structural deficit and over-spending, effectively implement transparency and accountability across all departments and Council Districts, and give us the quality of life all Angelenos deserve. And provide departments and stakeholders, creditors and the financial markets, with the assurance the City would continue to run smoothly in the event of investigations for possible ethical and/or fiduciary violations by our elected officials and staff"; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council [WHWCNC] substantially accepts the conclusions and recommendations to the Budget Advocates; and,

WHEREAS, the WHWCNC Board agrees that a City Manager could substantially improve much of the functioning of the City;

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies Committee recommends that the Board of the WHWCNC resolve to notify the City Council and the Mayor's Office of its support of the work done by the Budget Advocates and their recommendations. Furthermore, the Board asks Council Member Blumenfeld work on implementation of these recommendations in the budget process.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Meeting dates for or the upcoming 2019 year; the proposed Board meeting are held the second Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Hall located at 5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 at 6:30pm.

HOWEVER, Please check the www.whcouncil.org website calendar page for any changes that may occur.

Adjournment of meeting:

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