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**Woodland Hills Issues and
Policies Committee:**

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Zoom MEETING

AGENDA

Woodland Hills Issues and Policies Committee Meeting

December 3, 2025

5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

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Committee Members are

*Chairperson Heath Kline,
August Steurer, and
Aaron Williams*

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Call to Order

Roll Call:

Public Announcements:

Office of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield – if available (2 minutes each)

Office of Local and State Officials – if available (2 minutes each)

Other Local Agencies – if available (2 minutes each)

General Public Comment, by the Public, on **Non-Agenda** Items:

General Public Comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker and 10 minutes total.

Item (1) Heath Kline:

Update Report & RESOLUTION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT CCF 25-XXX & California Senate Bill 707 Section 54953.8.

For Discussion and Possible Action: (10 minutes)

The Woodland Hills Issues and Policies Committee of the WHWCNC recommends that the full NC Board

(a.) adopt this Resolution and Community Impact Statement electing to conduct board and committee meetings in hybrid-virtual or fully virtual format as authorized by California Senate Bill 707 Section 54953.8.4 and Council File 25-XXX;

(b.) authorize the Board President to complete the Attestation Statement, notify the City Council and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and implement this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

ATTESTATION STATEMENT

I, Jon Mann, declare that I am the President of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council and that on [DATE], 2025, at a Brown Act noticed public meeting held by this NC with a quorum present, and that by a vote of ___(number) yes, ___(number) no, and ___(number) abstentions, this Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, this resolution is the official statement adopted by this Neighborhood Council. The Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC satisfies the majority board vote requirement of Government Code Section 54953.8.4 (enacted by SB 707) and elects to use teleconferencing for board and/or committee meetings for all the reasons set forth below in our adopted Community Impact Statement [CIS] Resolution: [WHWCNC CIS & RESOLUTION](#)

Background and Authority

Whereas, California Senate Bill 707 (effective January 1, 2026) enacted Government Code Section 54953.8.4, providing teleconferencing authority for Los Angeles neighborhood councils through January 1, 2030; and,

Whereas, Section 54953.8.4 applies exclusively to neighborhood councils in cities over 3,000,000 population (only Los Angeles), recognizing LA's unique 99-council volunteer governance system; and,

Whereas, the Los Angeles City Council authorized this use through Council File 25-XXX, and Section 54953.8.4 requires this Board to elect this authority by majority vote with justification to the City

Council; and,

Board Member Losses and Recruitment Challenges

Whereas, in 2024-2025, this Neighborhood Council lost dedicated board members who resigned due to inability to participate remotely, including nursing mothers, caregivers for ailing parents, working professionals with required travel to Sacramento and Washington D.C., and parents unable to secure evening childcare; and,

Whereas, board vacancies are increasingly difficult to fill when candidates learn in-person attendance is mandatory regardless of work, family, health, or disability circumstances; and,

Facility and Geographic Challenges

Whereas, available public facilities (libraries, fire stations) have limited availability and lack adequate parking; private facilities cost \$200-500 per meeting and are poorly equipped for hybrid meetings; and, **Whereas**, Los Angeles covers 503 square miles with board members facing 1-2 hour commutes, making in-person-only attendance impractical for working people, those with caregiving duties, disabilities, or health conditions; and,

Key Provisions of Section 54953.8.4

Whereas, Section 54953.8.4 recognizes Neighborhood Council volunteer board members require flexibility to balance civic service with employment, family, caregiving, and health needs; and, **Whereas**, unlike other Brown Act provisions, Section 54953.8.4 requires no minimum in-person quorum, no geographic restrictions on remote participation, no "just cause" justifications, and no frequency limitations; and,

Whereas, this flexibility prevents board resignations, enables diverse recruitment, and ensures accessibility for working families, caregivers, people with disabilities, and those with demanding work schedules; and,

Resolution

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.4 for board and committee meetings.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ELECTION TO USE SECTION 54953.8.4

- 1. Volunteer Service Reality:** Board members are unpaid volunteers balancing civic service with employment, caregiving, parenting, and health needs. Remote flexibility is essential.
- 2. Documented Losses:** Recent resignations of nursing mothers, caregivers, and professionals with travel obligations harm community representation and institutional knowledge.
- 3. Geographic Challenges:** Los Angeles' 503 square miles creates 1-2 hour commutes, effectively excluding working people from in-person-only meetings.
- 4. Accessibility:** Remote participation enables service by people with disabilities, health conditions, caregiving duties, and challenging work schedules.
- 5. Facility Limitations:** Public facilities have limited availability and inadequate equipment; private facilities cost \$200-500 per meeting.
- 6. Enhanced Participation:** Virtual meetings increase transparency and accessibility, serving the Brown Act's core purpose.

7. Legislative Intent: Section 54953.8.4 was enacted specifically for LA neighborhood councils to address these challenges.

**POSITIVE IMPACTS ON OUR COMMUNITY
CONCLUSION**

Electing to use teleconferencing under Government Code Section 54953.8.4 addresses documented board member losses, accommodates real-life circumstances of volunteer leaders, and ensures that all community members can contribute to our shared community regardless of work schedules, family responsibilities, health needs, or life circumstances.

NOTIFICATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.4(a)(1)(B), the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council hereby notifies the Los Angeles City Council of our election to use teleconferencing pursuant to Section 54953.8.4, with the justification set forth above.

Submitted to:

Los Angeles City Council

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment & BONC
Council District 3 (Councilmember Bob Blumenfield)
Los Angeles City Attorney NCAD

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025

By the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council

Roll Call Vote

Adjournment of Meeting.

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