



Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council
MINUTES– COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY Committee
Meeting

October 17, 2022 at time 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call: *Geraldine Weiss (chair), Mark Schwartz, Arturo Valasquez, Houtan Hormozian, Rachel Tabak*

3. Public Comment by the Public on Items NOT on the Agenda. (2 minutes each)

4. Approval of Committee Service Meeting Minutes of August 15, September 19, 2022.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

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

5. RENEWED: MOTION TO APPROVE LETTER TO REQUEST AN INCREASE IN RESOURCES AND ALLOCATION OF POLICE TO THE TOPANGA DIVISION

To Chief Michael Moore and Valley Bureau Chief Alan Hamilton:

The Topanga Division needs a deployment of additional officers and resources.

The citizens of Woodland Hills Warner Center are deeply concerned over the dramatic spiral of violent crime and murders of innocent stakeholders in our neighborhood. Our area ranks first in crime increase, in the Los Angeles area in most categories. Woodland Hills is a peaceful area of the San Fernando Valley where families come and settle and to safely work and raise their children. It is concerning that there has been 10 homicides so far this year in our area. This is twice as many as in 2020 (100% increase) and 4 more than in 2021 (67% increase). Overall total violent crimes are up 16% since 2020 and 26% since 2021. Property crimes also have risen.

For such a dramatic increase in overall crime, there must be a dramatic reaction and solution.

Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Counsel requests request that the City and its officials responsible maximize allocation of officers and resources to the Topanga division. Additional officer deployment and allocation is crucial in an area of Los Angeles where crime is skyrocketing and the residents are fearful. The consequence of inaction will be **preventable** loss of life and property.

Very truly yours,

Concerned Citizens of Woodland Hills Warner Center through its Neighborhood Council.

See attachment of Topanga Area Crime Profile from 9-11-22 through 10-8-22.

Roll call vote

Possible Presentation by someone from the Topanga Division on current crime statistics.

6. END OF YEAR HOLIDAY IDEAS.

Discussion for possible action. Ideas: partner with the Chamber? We need to come up with ideas and budget in order to get something approved for our next full November Board meeting otherwise it will be too late. Bring ideas for motions to this meeting please for holiday action.

Possible motion on whatever is suggested.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS: Discussion about future agenda topics and new business for next meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting:

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