

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA

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WOODLAND HILLS  
WARNER CENTER  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**Regular Full Board Meeting**  
**City of Los Angeles Fire Station #  
84, in the Community Room**  
**21050 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA,  
91367**  
**November 13, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.- 09:00 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON BOARD MEETING**

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Board Members:

- Area 1 - Karen DiBiase, Geoffrey Hobson, Rochelle / Shelly Schwartz, Reina Cerros- McCaughey
- Area 2 – Julian Tu, Masha Dowell
- Area 3 – Tracey Rosen, Dean Mathew, Harout Z. Aristakessian, Jayce Baron
- Area 4 – Don Patterson, Martin Lipkin, Dena Weiss
- Area 5 – Julie Waltrip, Steve Sommers
- Area 6 –William Barnett, Heath Kline, Megan Jacoby
- Area 7 – Kate Kennedy, Lillian / Joyce Fletcher, Rosaleen O’Sullivan
- At-Large – August Steurer, Vacant Seat for Alternate
- Youth Member – Vacant seat

**AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

**Public Announcements:**

- Office of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield – if available (2 minute each)
- Office of Local and State Officials – if available (2 minute each)
- Other Local Agencies – if available (2 minute each)

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

*General Public Comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker and 10 minutes total due to length of agenda.*

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**I. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures & Reports:**

*All comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. There will be ONE opportunity to speak only. Time limits set for each agenda item may be adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. Time limits may vary so the public is encouraged to join the meeting several minutes PRIOR to a specific agenda item being discussed.*

**A. Approval of Minutes:** Board Meeting – July 29, 2024 and October 14, 2024

(estimated time 5 minutes)

See posted support documents

Roll Call Vote

**B. Officer Reports**

(estimated time 5 minutes)

- President – Dena Weiss
- Vice President – Tracey Rosen
- Treasurer – Heath Kline
- Secretary -Karen DiBiase
- Parliamentarian – Don Patterson

**C. Area Reports** (it is requested that each area designate one representative to report each month).

(estimated time 10 minutes)

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**2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**Item No. 1**

**Presentation By Empower LA on Code of Conduct and Civility**

**(24-086)**

(estimated time 15 minutes)

**Item No. 2**

**Heath Kline, Treasurer**

**(24-087) Approval of MER for October, 2024**

*For discussion and action*

(estimated time 5 minutes)

See posted support document

**Roll Call Vote**

**Item No. 3**

**Don Patterson, Martin Lipkin, Chairs of PLUM**

**(24-088) PLUM Committee Motion regarding CHIP**

*For discussion and possible action*

(estimated time 15 minutes)

***PLUM Motion to approve the written recommendation provided to the PLUM committee related to the Housing Element and Citywide Housing Incentive Program, CHIP with opposition to Inclusion of Single-Family Zoning Options in the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP)***

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is mandated by the State to increase its residential zoning capacity to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) over eight years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council must approve an updated Housing Element to the city's General Plan by the February deadline to avoid triggering the State's Builder's Remedy; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning has engaged in the Housing Element Rezoning Program, resulting in multiple ordinances including the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Department's report clearly demonstrates that sufficient zoning capacity can be achieved to meet the State's mandate without rezoning single-family areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has presented six optional strategies that would extend CHIP to single-family dwelling (SFD) zones; and,

WHEREAS, these options fail to address potential negative impacts, including:

1. Reduced opportunities for single-family home ownership, contradicting the preference of many apartment renters;
2. Potential increase in SFD prices due to reduced supply, decreasing affordability;
3. Possible economic consequences include workforce displacement and business relocation;
- 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council:

1. SUPPORTS the adoption of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Draft #3 of the Housing Element/CHIP Ordinance as presented by the Planning Department;
2. OPPOSES the inclusion of any of the seven Exhibit D "options" that would open single-family neighborhoods to multi-family zoning;
3. URGES the City Council to maintain the integrity of single-family neighborhoods while meeting the State's housing mandate through other means, as outlined in the Planning Department's report;
4. CALLS FOR a more comprehensive analysis of the economic and social impacts of any proposed changes to single-family zoning before such changes are considered in the future;
5. DIRECTS the President of the Neighborhood Council to send a letter to the City Council, the Mayor's office, and the Department of City Planning conveying this position.

*August Steurer made the motion to approve the written recommendation provided to the PLUM committee related to the Housing Element and Citywide Housing Incentive Program, CHIP.*

*Seconded by Sean McCarthy*

*Vote: Yes – Don Patterson, Joyce Fletcher, Sean McCarthy, Henry Rice, August Steurer, Bobbie Wasserman*

*No: 0*

*Abstain: Matt Richman*

See the Planning documents online:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/plans-policies/housing-element>

Roll Call Vote

### **Committee Reports,**

(estimated time 10 minutes)

Budget Committee – Heath Kline, Chair

Arts and Culture Committee – Masha Dowell, Chair (temporarily absent)

Community Services Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair

Community Outreach Committee – Tracey Rosen, Chair

Education and Youth Committee – Julie Waltrip, Chair

Environmental & Beautification Committee – Karen DiBiase, Chair

Governance Committee – Dena Weiss, Chair

Government Relations Committee – Reina Cerros McCaughey, Chair

Homeless and Social Justice Advocacy Committee – Jayce Baron, Chair

Public Safety and Transportation –Julie Waltrip, Chair  
PLUM Committee – Don Patterson and Marty Lipkin, Co-Chairs  
WHIP Committee – August Steurer and Heath Kline, Co-Chairs  
Ad Hoc Committee for Standing Rules- August Steurer and Heath Kline, Co-Chairs  
Ad Hoc Committee for technology use at Virtual Meetings- Dean Matthew Chair  
Ad Hoc Holiday Decorations Committee – Joyce Fletcher & Masha Dowell, Co-Chairs

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

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