



**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WHWCNC FULL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 9:30p.m. – 10:00p.m.
American Legion Hall
5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367**

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AGENDA

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Public Announcements

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

2. Items for Board discussion and possible action:

Item No. (1) Don Patterson – Chair, Governance Committee
(18-027) Appointment of Youth Member to the WHWCNC

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to appoint Ved Kulkarni to the position of Youth Board Member on the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council.

Item No. (2) WHWCNC Vice President, Sheppard Kaufman
(18-028) Council File 18-0600 Budget Proposal FY 2018-19 and Budget Advocates White Paper

Discussion and possible action:

WHEREAS, the Budget Advocates have spent hundreds of hours collectively this fiscal year 2017 – 2018 meeting with city department and agency General Managers, and senior staff, reviewing budget, strategic plans and operational matters for the coming fiscal year 2018 – 2019;

WHEREAS, their collective research has produced this year's White Paper recommendations for the Mayor and City Council;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles still faces unresolved structural and service deficits;

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) votes to hereby support the key findings of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates March 2018 White Paper and strongly urges to the Mayor and City Council to both address the concerns presented, and to immediately work to implement the majority of the recommendations therein with a special emphasis on the issues of housing, deferred maintenance, pension funding, cross-department communication, and emergency services.

Item. No. (3) WHIP Committee - Chair, August Steurer
(18-029) Letter Related to Los Angeles Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

Discussion and possible action:

MOTION: Regarding the Los Angeles Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for Police and Fire personnel, the Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies Committee finds that:

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times Newspaper has done an in-depth investigation and reported numerous instances of possible abuse of the program and the waste of public funds through the long running Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP); and,

WHEREAS, the Times reporters found that very few of the injuries leading to costly disability leaves were the immediate result of intense job activity; and,

WHEREAS, having employees on disability leave and receiving "double-pay" while participating in DROP does not support the intent and purpose of the program to retain experienced personnel to actively perform needed duties and mentor staff; and,

WHEREAS, the program is not meeting its original promise of being cost neutral; and,

WHEREAS, the general public consistently requests more police and fire personnel in their neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the funds wasted on DROP could be used to hire more police and fire staff;

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies Committee recommends that the Board of Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council resolve to request and strongly urge District 3 Councilman Bob Blumenfield to submit a motion to the City Council and Mayor to redefine and reform the Deferred Retirement Option Plan to eliminate potential abuse, or if unable to reform the program, to phase it out entirely as quickly as possible and use the savings to hire more Police and Fire personnel to better serve the public.

Announcements: *The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.*

Meeting dates for or the upcoming 2018/2019 year; the proposed Board meeting dates are: TBD (Date, Time, location subject to change or cancellation. **Please check the www.whcouncil.org website calendar page for any changes.**

Adjournment of meeting:

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