



Committee Members:

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THIS WOODLAND HILLS WARNER CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Committee must enter the meeting via the above Zoom link or dial (669) 900-6833 and enter **834 3011 2073** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer to provide public input at the **Meeting of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council [WHWCNC] WHIP Committee [WHIP]** meeting, the public will be requested to dial *9 by phone or use the Raise Hand option on Zoom, to address the **WHIP** on any agenda item before the **WHIP** takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the **WHIP**'s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the **WHIP** is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future **WHWCNC** Board or **WHIP** meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the **WHIP**.

SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the **WHIP** from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the **WHIP** control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the **WHIP** shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the **WHIP** from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The **WHIP** shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the **WHIP** and offer comments in real time.

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment using an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the **WHIP**, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) If the **WHIP** provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) If the **WHIP** does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) If the **WHIP** provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item then it shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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Virtual Meeting Agenda

**A WHIP Committee Meeting Will be Held:
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, @ 7:00 pm**

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83430112073>
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1. Call to Order

2. Establish Quorum:

Roll Call — Peter Haber, Heath Kline, August Steurer, Julie Waltrip, Aaron Williams

3. Comments from the Public regarding Issues NOT on the Agenda but within the Committee's purview for possible later action.

All public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding member of the Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes for past meetings:

Roll Call Votes

5. Agenda Items for Discussion and Possible Action by the Committee:

Item No (A): Speaking Rights for Community Councils CF 15-0389-S2

The Los Angeles City Council is considering a motion to grant Community Councils the same speaking rights as Certified Neighborhood Councils at city meetings, despite significant differences in oversight, transparency, and accountability requirements. This move could potentially undermine the legitimacy and effectiveness of Neighborhood Councils, lead to confusion and competition within communities, strain city resources, and ultimately weaken the city's neighborhood empowerment system.

The pending action is to ratify the result of the prior discussion regarding amending the draft motion for Board Approval of a CIS in opposition to granting Community Councils speaking rights equal to Neighborhood Councils.

Roll Call Vote

Item No (B): CF 23-0172 Reduced Requirements for Faith-Based Owned and Non-Profit Educational Organization Affordable Housing Projects

The pending action is to ratify the result of the prior discussion regarding amending the draft motion for Board Approval of a CIS in opposition unless amended by the City relaxing requirements of SB4. In summary:

Under the proposed CIS, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) opposes, unless amended, the proposed city ordinance implementing with reduced requirements Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) for affordable housing development on nonprofit-owned properties. While recognizing the potential for nonprofits to contribute to affordable housing, WHWCNC has concerns about developers' abuse, neighborhood impacts, loss of amenities, and increased demands on city services. They recommend maintaining the ownership requirement, allowing limited market-rate units, focusing on commercial corridors, requiring community benefits and input, and providing guidance on property management and tax implications.

Roll Call Vote**Item No (C) – Amending Los Angeles Charter Article IX as part of CF 23-1027**

The pending action is to ratify the result of the prior discussion regarding amending the draft motion for Board Approval of a CIS Statement suggesting Revisions to Article IX of the Los Angeles City Charter.

Article IX of the Los Angeles City Charter established the Neighborhood Council system as a critical component of the City's governance structure over 20 years ago. The City Council is considering a ballot initiative to amend several Articles of the City Charter. There is the opportunity to propose revisions to Article IX to strengthen this system's effectiveness, inclusivity, and impact by clarifying roles and responsibilities, enhancing support and resources, and promoting greater collaboration between Neighborhood Councils and City government.

In summary, the proposed CIS addresses the following:

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system, comprising 99 councils and over 1,300 dedicated volunteers, faces significant operational challenges that hinder its ability to effectively serve communities. Roughly one-third of councils struggle to achieve quorum, a symptom of a deeper pattern of neglect and lack of support. These challenges prevent councils from advocating for their communities and providing vital services. The proposed revisions to Article IX of the City Charter aim to address these issues by creating a more supportive, empowering, and sustainable framework for Neighborhood Councils. The amendments seek to ensure adequate funding, training, and resources, clarify the responsibilities of city officials, and establish regular processes for evaluation and improvement. By enshrining these reforms in the City Charter, the revisions aim to create a more resilient and responsive system that values and supports the work of Neighborhood Councils and their volunteers.

Roll Call Vote

Item No (D) - Discussion on possible new business.

6. Adjournment of Meeting

• **Public Input on Agenda Items** – The public may address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee acts on an item. The Committee will accept comments from the public on agenda items only when the Committee considers the individual item.

• **Public Input on Matters not appearing on the agenda** – During the General Public Comment period, the Committee listens to comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda within the Committee’s jurisdiction. * *Please note that the Brown Act prevents the Committee from acting on an issue you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a public member may become the subject of a future Committee meeting.*

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Meeting dates for the 2023-2024 year: The Committee generally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. Check the NC website calendar for a complete list of committee and board meetings. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Check the NC calendar for updated meeting schedules.

The next Regular Committee Meeting will be held in person on **May 15th, 2024**. Please visit the calendar page at whcouncil.org for the complete details and confirm the location, date, and time.

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- To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least (3) business days (72 hours) before the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Dena Weiss by email at d.weiss@whcouncil.org or the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 978-1551 EmpowerLa@LACity.org.
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