



Northridge West Neighborhood Council

Joint Government Affairs and Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

8:30 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Monday, August 24, 2020

Government Affairs Committee Members

Abigail Bailes, Chair
Yi Ding
Bill Fox

Stakeholder Committee Members

Victoria Estrada
Grace Jimenez

Public Safety Committee Members

Kathleen Edwards, Chair
Abigail Bailes
Gail Lapaz

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1. Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call (1 minute)
2. Comments by Stakeholders on Non-Agenda Items within the jurisdiction of the Committee (5 minutes)
3. Committee Chair Comments (Abby and Kathleen) (5 minutes)
4. Discussion about the purpose of Neighborhood Councils, by laws and procedure to determine which issues are appropriate and relevant to NWNC's purpose. There have been concerns raised by Board Members about intimidation, threats and invasion of privacy, as well as the influence of political advocacy groups on our neighborhood council. (Abby and Kathleen 10 minutes).
5. Discussion and possible recommendation for an NPG for S.O.L.I.D request of \$3,500.00 for needed improvements to Devonshire Division Lobby needed for safety due to Covid-19 (Kathleen 10 Minutes).
6. Discussion and response Re: letter to the City Council to keep the West Valley Animal Shelter as requested by stakeholders, and not turned into a private rescue center (Kathleen 10 minutes).
7. Discussion and possible action on the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File to provide transparency for the reallocated \$150M that was defunded from the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition wants the process to be transparent and the Neighborhood Councils that represent the areas of the city that are underrepresented and areas with People of Color be afforded the opportunity to weigh in on where those funds are allocated and how they are spent for the benefit of the community that are underserved. (Abby 10 minutes)
8. Discussion and possible action on the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File to develop and support alternatives to armed crisis response and AB-2054 related to "Emergency Services." This could include revamping the City of Los Angeles 911 system to include three potential options: Option 1 police, Option 2 fire/EMS, and Option 3 Community Assistance Liaison Team (an alternative to armed crisis response for homelessness, domestic violence, neighbor disputes, and other quality of life issues). (Abby 10 minutes).



9. Discussion on Council File 20-0990, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training / Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members: Introduced on August 11, 2020 and referred to Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee. The motion is instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in consultation with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Civil and Human Rights Department and the Civil and Human Rights Commission, to report back to the City Council regarding a plan to implement the Mayor's Executive Order No. 27 regarding racial equity in city government plans at the Neighborhood Council level. Mayor Eric Garcetti signed an executive directive to address racial equity in Los Angeles by requiring city departments to plan for the reinstatement of affirmative action in California and for city employees to take implicit-bias training (from ABC News) AND.... Council File 20-0002-S127, Proposition 16 / Government Agency Preferential Consideration / Employment, Contracting, and Education / Race, Sex, Color, Ethnicity, or National Origin: Introduced on August 05, 2020 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The Resolution is requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Proposition 16 which would allow government agencies to give preferential consideration based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in employment, contracting, and education. (10 minutes)
10. Stakeholders may present items for consideration for next Government Affairs meeting. (10 minutes)
11. Set date and time for next Government Affairs meeting (2 minutes)
12. Adjournment.