



**Northridge West Neighborhood Council  
Special Whole Board Meeting via Zoom  
Tues., Aug. 10, 2021 @ 8:45 PM  
Immediately following the General Board Meeting**



1. Meeting Called to Order at 8:43pm

Here (11)	Abby Bailes, Janis Kraft, Joel Lowell, Jorge Jimenz, Yi Ding, Jennifer Krowne, Kathleen Edwards, Angelica Robinson, Sonny Liam, Glen Wilson, Lucio Padilla
Absent (2)	Bill Fox, Brian Catcart

- Quorum with 11 in attendance.

2. Comments by Board Members of non-Agenda items

- No Board Member Comments

3. Comments by Stakeholders on non-Agenda items

- Please note that there will be a guest speaker for the Valley Alliance on Thursday Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>.

4. Discussion and Motion: To submit a CIS in response to CF 21-0878 COVID- 19 / Vaccination Requirement / Eligible Individuals / Indoor Spaces / Vax Up LA.

- Abby discussed that the President can call a special meeting within 24 hours to discuss something where time is of the essence, hence why this meeting was called. This was supposed to be voted on tomorrow but if we want to get a comment in we need to move quickly.
- She also set up a few parameters to aid the discussion
  - This is not a debate for the efficacy of the vaccine or whether a person should or should not get the vaccine. This is to focus on presenting a community impact statement related to the proposed mandate to require people to show proof of vaccination to enter stores, gyms etc.
- Do we want to respond to the council file on behalf of our neighbors? Should the city have the authority to implement this, or should they?

- **ATTENDEE COMMENTS**

- STNC Secretary – They just had a meeting and would like to oppose the council file, especially on legal grounds as to how the government is able to mandate this. This is on the agenda for tomorrow.
  - Cheryl – She is not in favor of the ordinance because it is discriminatory and a form of segregation to forbid unvaccinated people from entering a restaurant, fitness center, retail store, spa etc. People should have medical

freedom to research and make their own decisions. It should be a discussion between oneself and their doctor. Additionally, requiring a vaccine card

violate HIPA. We have a right to privacy and this ordinance will be detrimental to our economy as well. If 30% of the population is unvaccinated than that means already struggling businesses will lose 30% of their customers.

- Isabell Duran – She is also in opposition of this ordinance and agrees that it is discriminatory and violates HIPPA laws. We know the vaccine is still experimental and people should not be forced to taking a vaccine. This is unconstitutional. She also believes that the small business that are already affected and this will create even more business.
- Dolores Dumbar- She is also in opposition and feels that much of what has been done already is unlawful. While we are facing a health crisis, she believes it is too early in the game to force vaccinations upon people especially with information coming out about the efficacy and safety of the vaccines. There too many unknowns at this point especially in relation to adverse effects. At this point it is still an experiment job.

- **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Lucio – Is also against the mandate but does not agree that the vaccine is experiments. Millions of people have gotten the vaccine and of those only 5000 have gotten COVID after the vaccine and they have symptoms for 1 or 2 days. If they are going to require a vaccine card than the Federal Government should mandate it like with the Measles etc. Without a mandate than we should not be required to present a card to businesses.
- Sonny – He reminded everyone of the pre-vaccine rules: Stay 6 ft Apart and wear a mask and don't touch nose, mouth and eyes. We should have compassion and understanding for people who don't want to get vaccinated. They just don't trust in it at this point, and he believes that if the Government really believed in it, then the vaccine would be FDA Approved.
- Abby's recommendation for the Community Impact Statement is that we would oppose on the following three reasons:
  - 1) Freedom is paramount, and we want to respect the freedom for people to make their own decisions.
  - 2) The negative impact on our local businesses

- Kathleen – There are certain elements of our society that are being affected more than others because they have not been vaccinated and seems a bit discriminatory against those individuals to not be able to fly or go to a restaurant. She feels like this is more like a dictatorship than a democratic republic. This goes against our right to vote and privacy decisions.
- Jorge – His views as a business leader it would be difficult to have to check for vaccines and he does believe in social distancing. He believes that to have gyms and spas try to uphold something like this will be difficult and not an ideal thing at this time.
- Jennifer – As a parent of multiple children she feels it would segregate families. That until a vaccine is issued for children of all ages, this could potentially be a privacy issue asking for a vaccine card for someone that looks old enough to have the vaccine.
- Lucio mentioned that he volunteers twice a month at Providence Hospital in Rinaldi and parents have been taking their children 12 years of age and older and it is overall effective.
- Abby motioned to oppose council file 21-08-78 with the noted objections that it is a violation of an individual’s freedom to make medial choices and that it puts a negative impact on our local businesses to enforce this rule.
  - Seconded by Angelica
  - Approved with Quorum

Yes (9)	Abby Bailes, Kathleen Edwards, Yi Ding, Sonny Liam, Angelica Robinson, Jorge Jimenz, Jennifer Krowne, Lucio Padilla, Glen Wilson
Abstain (2)	Joel Lowell, Janis Kraft

## 5. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn by Lucio
- Seconded by Joel
- Passed and Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm