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**WESTLAKE NORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM December 9, 2021

WEBINAR LINK:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474834885>

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The City's Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS (5 minutes)

- a. Call to Order & Roll Call
- b. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes.

2. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LA City Council District Representative
 - 1. Council District 1 - Luis Gonzalez
 - 2. Council District 13 - Juan Fregoso
- b. LA Police Department Senior Leads
- c. LA Fire Department Representative
- d. Government Departments/Agencies:
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- e. Community Organizations

3. **PRESENTATION:** by Susan Leahy MA CSP, Creator of Roberts Rules Made Simple, Re: How to utilize Robert's Rules Of Order and run effective neighborhood council meetings, followed by Q&A.

4. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS

- a. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of November 2021.

5. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT REQUESTS

- a. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve up to \$2,500 for the CultivaLA Winter Wonderland 2021 Toy Giveaway event to distribute to the Westlake Community at the community garden.

6. MOTIONS, COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS & LETTERS OF SUPPORT & ACTION

City Council

- a. **MOTION:** To oppose and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File CF21-1283 Sworn Personnel Staffing Levels /Los Angeles Fire Department/Noncompliance/Service Disruptions /City Vaccination Requirement/COVID-19 Pandemic.

MOTION The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present a major public health threat in the City of Los Angeles, most critically to vulnerable populations. In the past months, the City of Los Angeles has taken decisive action to combat the pandemic including the adoption of ordinances requiring City workers to be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment; and requiring all persons to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for establishments including restaurants and gyms. City workers have until December 18, 2021, to provide proof of vaccination or face disciplinary action. The Fire Department (LAFD) serves as the primary responder for emergency incidents in the City including response to fires and medical emergencies. As of October 28, 2021, approximately 69 percent of the LAFD's sworn workforce has been fully vaccinated. As the deadline to provide proof of vaccination approaches, the City must ensure that the LAFD can avoid service disruptions in the event of a loss of sworn personnel directly resulting from noncompliance with the City's vaccination requirement. I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Fire Department (LAFD), with assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Personnel Department, to report with a plan to maintain adequate sworn personnel staffing levels in the event of substantial noncompliance with the City's vaccination requirement for City workers. PRESENTED BY: a\ GILBERT A. CEDILLO Councilmember, 1st District f

The City of Los Angeles put our first Responders (Fire and Police) in danger during the Covid Pandemic by putting them face to face with Rioter and Protesters before the Covid vaccine was available

The Westlake North Neighborhood Council opposes Council File CF21-1283

- The City of Los Angeles endangered our Police and Firefighters by putting them on the front lines, face to face, with possibly infected people during high rates of Covid 19 and Covid deaths by refusing to stop the rioting and protests threat should have been stopped

by Emergency orders when a vaccine was not available the City exposed its employees to the virus when the vaccine was not available. Well over a thousand of the LAPD personnel became infected.

- Our Firefighters were also put on the Covid Frontlines and besides doing their regular duties they were doing Covid Testing many Fire personnel also were infected with Covid - 19.
- Through some of the darkest hours in the City. The City of Los Angeles then proceeds to fire the Personnel that heroically did what they could to continue to provide services at the risk of their own safety and lives the City rewards them by firing them from their jobs.
- Now, The City of Los Angeles is putting the live of the people in the City of Los Angeles in danger by letting go first responders for not being vaccinated, and under staffing those departments.
- An additional Economic burden is being placed on the City's Taxpayers, as it costs additional money to hire and process new staff members and potentially many years of learning for these staff members to reach their full potential.
- Having the vaccine is not stopping people from to spreading it.

b. **MOTION:** To support and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File CF [21-0869](#) Neighborhood Watch Program / Community Building / Online Toolkit / LAPD Online.org / Public Safety Neighborhood Smartphone Application.

City Council

MOTION PUBLIC SAFETY National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. Many technological advances have occurred since National Night Out was founded in 1984, that could help facilitate communication and collaboration between residents and law enforcement throughout the year. The Los Angeles Police Department should be a national leader and at the forefront of using technology to build relationships with community members, yet one of their primary tools for providing information to the public the Department's official website, LAPDOnline.com - is confusing, difficult to navigate and lacks up-to-date, accurate information. I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency (ITA), and City Administrative Officer (CAO) be directed to report with recommendations on creating a community-building campaign and toolkit that will make it easier for residents to form new Neighborhood Watch programs and allow existing Neighborhood Watch associations better access to resources that will allow them to improve community public safety. I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD, ITA, and CAO report back on making improvements to LAPDOnline.org that would incorporate the following: • User Interface & User Experience optimization • The ability to search by address for LAPD Division, recent crime statistics, reporting district, basic car area, Community Police Advisory Board meetings and Senior Lead Officer • Information and resources about how to start a neighborhood watch program • Information about how to report a crime in progress • Information about how to provide tips on a past crime I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, be directed to report with recommendations on ways to enhance communication and collaboration with residents, businesses and other stakeholders through the use of public safety neighborhood smartphone apps, such as Next Door, Citizen and Nixie. PRESENTED BY JOE BUSCAINO - Councilmember, 15th District - Z.

The Westlake North Neighborhood Council supports CF 21-0869 which supports building relationships and information sharing between the Community and LAPD.

- c. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve Westlake North Neighborhood Council holding “Slow Down Events”

Motion for the Westlake North Neighborhood Council support holding “Slow Down Signs”

To bring attention to the need to slow down to help prevent the number of vehicular deaths in our community.

- d. Discussion/Action MOTION to oppose the continued Vaccine Mandates
 - The vaccine mandates are unconstitutional.
 - The Science is not being followed and the majority of new cases are individuals who have already been vaccinated, such as our Mayor Eric Garcetti.
 - The City and County have done nothing to test for herd immunity and many people have beaten the illness and have natural immunity.
 - There have been many side effects and death from the vaccines that are not being shared with the Public.
 - Having the vaccine is not stopping people from being able to spread it.
 - Further the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is investigating how they can implement this on the Neighborhood Councils.

Recommendation for Motion #21-1414

- e. **Emergency Covid 19 Motion to add to the Westlake North Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Council Standing Rules that as long as the City of Los Angeles is enforcing a Vaccine Mandate on Public Facilities the Westlake North Neighborhood Council will Continue to hold our meetings through Zoom only! We will not violate the Ralph M. Brown Act by excluding community Members and Boardmembers who are unvaccinated from attending our meetings. If in fact The Mayor /City Council feel that there is a medical reason to insist that the mandate continues and that we must exclude community members from our meetings, than clearly it is medically unsafe to hold any meetings in person.**

a. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Outreach Committee
2. Budget and Finance Committee
3. Youth/Education Committee
4. Beautification and Land Use and Planning Committee
5. Crime prevention/Public safety committee
6. Rules and Selections Committee
7. Government Liaison Committee
8. Online Platforms Updates

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Introduce new issues or agenda items for consideration by the Board at its next meeting and request for items on future agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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