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**WESTLAKE NORTH  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**AGENDA**

Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022

**WEBINAR LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82295560478>

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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.**

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Don Lee, Secretaria por correo electrónico al [dlee@westlakenorthnc.org](mailto:dlee@westlakenorthnc.org) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **888 475 4499** and enter Meeting ID: **834 7483 4885** and then press #9 to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board 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 Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board 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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual board member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS**

- a. Call to Order & Roll Call

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 12/15/2021.**

**3. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes.

**5. PRESENTATION:** by Celene Rodriguez, Learning Communities Program Manager at CCNP to present Water and Energy Conservation, followed by Q&A.

**6. PRESENTATION:** by Debora Wright, Exec Director at Avison of Health, to present Water and Energy Conservation to present Eliminating Diabetes in Calif Communities, followed by Q&A.

**7. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS &**

- a. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of December 2021.
- b. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve Apple One for our monthly meeting minutes.

**8. NOMINATION ITEMS ITEMS**

- a. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve Bylaw Committee and members.
- b. Discussion /Action MOTION to approve and appoint vacant seats and alternate board members.

**9. 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

**10. 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.

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 Firefighters and Police 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 rioting and protests, all threats should have been stopped by Emergency orders when vaccines were not available. The City of Los Angeles and sworn in officials exposed its employees to the virus when a vaccine was not available. Well over a thousand of the LAPD personnel became infected.
- Our Firefighters were also put on the Covid Frontlines by doing their regular duties and assigned to do Covid Testing throughout the city. Dispute the dangers they still responded to the call of duty and many Fire personnel also were infected with Covid -19 but once

recovered personal went right back to the frontlines.

- Through some of the darkest hours in The City of Los Angeles and the Holiday's. The City has placed may public safety personal off duty with no pay and proceeds to fire the personnel that heroically did what they could to continue to provide services at the risk of their own safety, their families, and the lives of people in our city. The City of Los Angeles rewards our Firefighters and Police Officers by firing them from their jobs and puts the citizens in danger by having less units available and in service to respond faster to emergencies.
- The City of Los Angeles is putting the lives of the people in the City in danger by diminishing the work force and letting go of first responders for not being vaccinated, and under staffing those departments that are already highly understaffed.
- 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 the virus but it is stopping our first responders to responding to the emergencies in our city.

**b. MOTION to oppose the continued Vaccine Mandates** To oppose and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 21-0878. COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement / Eligible Individuals / Indoor Spaces / Vax Up LA . PRESENTED BY NURY MARTINEZ - Councilmember, 6th District – Z and MICH O'FARRELL.

- The vaccine mandates are unconstitutional and discriminatory and sets the format for segregation.
- All data of science not being presented to the public and/or being followed. Many new cases are being documented as individuals who have already been vaccinated, such as our Mayor Eric Garcetti.
- The City and County has not invested, tested, or has moved on data for herd immunity. Many people have beaten the illness which now have natural immunity.
- There have been many side effects and death from the vaccines that are not being shared with the Public, such as, Myocarditis and pericarditis, particularly in young men and children and blood clots in women.
- 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. Leaving many councils with the ability to not meet quorum because not everyone will want to vaccinate which will disable many communities from not being served and/or represented by their neighborhood council members.

Recommendation for Motion #21-0878

## 11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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- <https://www.westlakenorthnc.org/>
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