

Northridge West Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee
Working Plan for "2020 Town Hall on LAUSD's Sex Ed Curriculum, K-12"

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Purpose: The purpose of the "2020 Town Hall on the New Sex Ed Curriculum, K-12" is to promote transparency, communicate information about curricula, and allow community members to ask questions and provide feedback to LAUSD, so that parents and LAUSD may make an informed decision about the education of our children.

Proposed Dates: We are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb 29, 2020. This date was selected based on the availability of LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson, other leaders, and the venue. The date will be confirmed as soon as the venue funds are approved on the upcoming agenda.

Venue: The Ad Hoc Committee is working with several local Neighborhood Councils, Board Member Scott Schmerelson, and LAUSD leaders to arrange the venue for this event. The venue will be located in the San Fernando Valley and able to accommodate 300-500 persons. New Horizon's Sam's Café on Parthenia has been agendized for approval by North Hills West NC in Jan 2020. Other possible venues include: Granada Hills HS Highlander Hall, Nobel Middle School MPR, and others.

Program Logistics: The Town Hall will be a 2-hour 15-minute public information event. A panel of speakers will be invited to present LAUSD's Curriculum on Sex Ed, information about parental rights, medical accuracy of sex ed information, the impact of Sex ed on children and the community, and curriculum alternatives that comply with CA state law. Each speaker will receive an allotted time to present their information, followed by questions from the community guided by a moderator, and open public comment and questions.

Timeline DRAFT:

- Introduction of Event by Local Leader –Christy Smith, Scott Schmerelson, Austin Beutner TBD (5 minutes)
- Moderator Introduction of Speaker by Tanya McRae of Spectrum TV (10 Minutes)
- Panelists Presentations (10-20 minutes TBD per speaker) up to 1 hour (60 Minutes)
- Q & A led by Moderator from questions submitted by the public in advance to include responses from whole panel (30 Minutes)
- Q & A open mic public comment and questions (1-2 minutes per person), (30 Minutes)
- Close Event

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Outreach to other NCs: The Ad Hoc Committee is in communication with several neighboring NCs. It is the goal of the Ad Hoc Committee to work alongside other Neighborhood Councils so together we can assist our communities in accessing information about Sex Ed programs and help our community reach a consensus on these challenging issues. Some of the proposed expenses will be requested from other NC. A motion of support was unanimously approved by Granada Hills North NC and is on the agenda for upcoming meetings at several other NCs.

Proposed Speakers: The Ad Hoc Committee discussed, and is in the process of vetting a broad range of speakers who are experts in their fields and who can offer multiple perspectives on the new CA Sex Ed programs. The speakers will focus on their area of expertise, as related to the new CA Sex Ed, and present to the community as part of a balanced, informative panel. Most of the speakers listed below have already agreed to speak at the Town Hall (confirmation depends on date/availability). We have included multiple speakers in each category; however, at the event **only ONE speaker** from each of the, up to six, focus areas will be confirmed (due to time constraints). When the plan is approved and the date is set, the speakers will be confirmed. Each speaker will be given an allotted time to present and then participate in Q&A guided by Moderator and open public comment and Q&A.

The focus areas for the Town Hall are as follows:

1. LAUSD Division of Instruction
2. Parent Representative/Advocate
3. Legal Experts on CA Law and Parental Rights
4. Law Enforcement/Public Safety Comments
5. Curriculum Alternatives that Comply with CA Law
6. Medical Expert and Experts in Sociology to speak to medical accuracy and age appropriateness

LAUSD Division of Instruction. The Ad Hoc Committee is in communication with Board Member Schmerelson, CD 12 Councilman John Lee, and the Office of the Superintendent Joseph Nacorda to identify a LAUSD representative for this event. The following persons have been contacted; however, others may be selected, as determined by LAUSD and the Ad Hoc Committee:

- Tim Kordic, *LAUSD Health Education Programs, HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit*
- Adriana Valenzuela, *LAUSD Division of Coordinator Health Social Emotional Learning and Physical Education Programs*

Parent Representative/Advocate:

- Michelle New, Alliance to Protect Children, www.alliancetpc.org
- Gracey Van Der Mark, *Informed Parents of CA*, <https://informedparents.org/>

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Legal Experts on CA State Law and Parental Rights

- Attorney David Llewellyn
- Attorney Nada N. Higuera
- Attorney Greg Burt

Law Enforcement/Public Safety

- Shari Gabourel, Retired Federal Investigator, Department of Social Services
- The Ad Hoc Committee is in contact with LAPD Devonshire Division to work with an officer in Sex Crimes for possible comment, TBD
- Seymour Amster, Director of Teen Court/LAPD diversion program

Curriculum Alternatives: A look at other curricula that complies with state law and what alternatives may be available to LAUSD.

- Skip Hellewell, United Parents and Editor of "Heart Curriculum" (Confirmed)

Medical Experts and Experts in Sociology:

- Ariel Ferdinald, Sociologist and Professor at Biola University, Department of Communications
- Dr. Avani Gupta, DO, MS Diplomat, Family Medicine
- Dr. Judy Chaisson, Human Relations, Diversity and Equity/Bullying Resources