



September 15, 2022

Councilman John Lee  
9027 Oakdale Avenue, Suite 200  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

RE: Requesting the Resumption of In-Person Neighborhood Council Meetings

Dear Council Member Lee,

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council on behalf of its stakeholders is requesting that you take the lead and bring forth a motion before the City Council to resume in-person Neighborhood Council meetings. As chair of the Council's Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods committee it is time that Neighborhood Councils exit the extreme mandate of only ZOOM meetings. We ask that you do this so that a Council File may be created, if necessary, and where all neighborhood councils can weigh in on this important issue.

It has been well over two years since Neighborhood Councils have had the opportunity to meet in person with their stakeholders. The Los Angeles City Council, County Supervisors, and State Assembly and Senate and other government groups have been able to resume in-person meetings. Why not Neighborhood Councils?

As you know Neighborhood Councils function at the community level, and require a hands-on approach, which is quite impossible with only on-line meetings. This situation has had and is having a chilling effect on the ability of our stakeholders to make their issues and concerns known as well as encouraging newer community members to participate. This runs counter to the role that Neighborhood Councils were intended to serve as ratified in the municipal code.

Our request to you as chair of the City Council committee that has leadership over this part of city government is to present a motion that allows Neighborhood Councils to again have in person hybrid Zoom meetings with guidance regarding health issues that may be required for them.

At our September 15, 2022 General Board Meeting, as agendized in accordance with the Brown Act, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council voted \*\*\* Yeas, \*\*\* Nays, and \*\*\* Abstains, to request that you made a motion before the Los Angeles City Council to formally take up the issue of resuming in-person and/or hybrid meetings for our neighborhood councils.

We look forward to your continued support,

North Hills West Neighborhood Council