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North Hills West Neighborhood Council

SPECIAL General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 6:00 PM

Agenda items not completed will carry to next GBM on Thursday, October 20, 2022

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Speakers will be called upon in the order they raised their hand.

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS - 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. Push *6 to unmute if calling in by phone. 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 - *which 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 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.

Alternatively, public comment may also be sent to secretary@nhwnc.net at least two hours prior to the meeting starting time; include in the email Subject Line "Public Comment" and the appropriate agenda item number; every effort will be made to read such comments aloud during consideration of that agenda item within the announced time limits.

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.

NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES - If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful 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 stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

Supporting documents available on our website at: www.nhwnc.net

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD

Call for New Board Member Nominations Two Board Seats are vacant (1 Residential & 1 General.)

We will accept applications for new Board Members until both seats are filled by appointment. This is accomplished as follows: application, nominee statement of qualifications, board discussion, and ultimately - selection by a majority vote. Please submit completed applications to: secretary@nhwnc.net. Details on all candidate requirements and board member duties are provided on the application form. Please go to: [https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2021-04/ENG_2021_NC_Candidate_Filing_Application_with_Board_Affirmation%20\(1\).pdf](https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2021-04/ENG_2021_NC_Candidate_Filing_Application_with_Board_Affirmation%20(1).pdf)

NHWNC Executive Officers:

Madlena Minasian – President, Maggie Elliott – Vice President, Pat Crone – Treasurer, Dave Brown – Secretary

Board Members:

Angel Collins, Carol Hart, Linda Erdman, Garry Fordyce, Punam Gohel, David Hyman, Kreshell Ramey

1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order and Flag Salute (6:00 pm)

2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Voting Eligibility Report and call for agenda item(s) recusals

3. President Comments, Announcements and Meeting Logistics – Madlena Minasian, President

Note: we're currently seeking applicants for 2 Vacant Board Seats: 1 Residential & 1 General (see below) <https://www.nhwnc.net/board-vacancies-seeking-new-board-member-nominees/>

4. Discussion and possible action to approve October 201, 2022 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

To be reviewed at the November 17, 2022 General Board Meeting

5. Elected Officials, Public Agency Speakers, Field Representatives and Public Service Announcements (3 minutes per speaker, or more if time allows)

Stakeholders are allotted 1 minute for a question for each Agendized public official who visits. Questions do not count against public comment time totals. Public Officials who do not give advance notice of their participation in the NHW Neighborhood Council meeting are limited to 1 minutes of announcements, which must include their contact information as part of their announcement.

- a. Assembly District 46/ Field Representative - Lilly Sarafian lilly.sarafian@asm.ca.gov
- b. Council District 12 / Field Representative – Lorena Espinal Lorena.Espinal@lacity.org
- c. LAPD Devonshire Division SLO
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / NEA - John Darnell john.darnell@lacity.org
- e. To find your Elected Representatives, City Agencies, Departments and more,

click here: <https://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org>

6. General Public Comment: Each speaker will be allowed two 2 minutes as time permits. **PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU ARE A PAID LOBBYIST, THANK YOU.**

Comments from the public on *non-agenda items* - within the Board's jurisdiction. Our scope is limited to City & occasionally County Issues.

7. Report from Region 2 Budget Advocate or Budget Representative

8. Guest Speakers and Informational Presentations (please confirm via email ahead of time before the meeting)

9. Discussion regarding the proposed development at 15701 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills West Former furniture store, prior Coco's. Request is for a CUP, Conditional Use Permit, to allow deviations from Mini-Shopping Center/Commercial Corner operation standards.

Owner representative Mr. Gutierrez said that the site became a homeless encampment.

It's now "ready for construction" with better lighting and more.

They are requesting for Case #ZA-2022-3143-CUP a Conditional Use Permit for 24-hour operation.

**10. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding:
CIS – Council File 22-1199**

Removal of Councilmember de Leon / Chair / Homelessness and Poverty Committee

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1199>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the City Council Motion to remove Councilmember Kevin De Leon from his position as Chair of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee because of his racially insensitive and divisive comments at a redistricting meeting held in October 2021. His comments at that meeting do not comport with the high standard our elected public officials should be held to as members of the Los Angeles City Council and its Committees.

**11. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:
Council File 22-1197**

New Ad Hoc Committee / Government Reform / Increase Transparency and Limit Corruption / Los Angeles Resident Trust

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1197>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council concurs with Los Angeles City Attorney's finding that the overtly hateful conversation in which three City Council Members used in discussing redistricting in October 2021 makes it clear the City of Los Angeles is in need of a completely independent redistricting process to ensure the fairness and legitimacy of the district boundaries and the process that establishes them.

Therefore, the North Hills Neighborhood Council that the City Council establish and Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance and Governance Reform in order to prepare a Charter Reform ballot measure to create independently drawn Council district boundaries, since the current Charter does not currently allow for the any independent commission for this purpose.

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council asks that the City Council immediately establish an Ad Hoc Committee to address this issue so that a Charter Reform measure may appear on the 2024 ballot.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-1195

Racially Insensitive and Divisive Comments / Professional Conduct Failure / Censure

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1195>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the motion before its body in accordance with §209 of the Los Angeles City Charter to formally censure Councilmembers Cedillo, De Leon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements as reported in the media. Their actions and statements fail to meet the high standards of professional conduct that we expect from our elected public officials. Although censure is the strongest action that can be taken against these Councilmembers, we also ask that Charter be amended to include a process for removal in future cases.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

CF 21-0042-S3

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) / Waitlist / Eviction Moratorium / May 2023 Rental Repayment / COVID-19 Pandemic (Informational Only)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0042-S3>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council at its Special Meeting on October **, 2022 voted to oppose the extension of the Eviction Moratorium on the basis that it an undue burden on fundamental property rights. Although we can empathize with the position of renters as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we find that the rights and need of landlord property owners have been violated; and that the action of the City Council is tantamount to the seizure of private property in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Landlord property owners have financially suffered as a result of this program, many of which count on rents and receipts as income. The City Council must come up with a more equitable solution that takes into account the rights and needs of property owners, as well as the needs of renters.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

CF 22-0002-S120

Azerbaijan Aggression Against Armenia / Azeri Regime / Violent Expansionism / Military and Economic Aid Suspension / Arms Sales / Freedom Support Act

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S120>

15. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-0002-S101

Used Catalytic Converter Sales / AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) / AB 2407 (ODonnell) / SB 1087 (Gonzalez)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S101>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council at its Special Meeting held on October **, 2022 voted in support of Council File 22-0002-S101 which supports the California State Legislature bills AB 1740, AB 2407 and SB 1087 which would strengthen laws governing the sale of used catalytic converters. This action would deter theft and assist law enforcement in apprehension of criminals.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-1201

Removal of Councilmember Gil Cedillo / Chair / Housing Committee

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1201>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the City Council Motion to remove Councilmember Gil Cedillo from his position as Chair of the Housing Committee because of his racially insensitive and divisive comments at a redistricting meeting held in October 2021. His comments at that meeting do not comport with the high standard our elected public officials should be held to as members of the Los Angeles City Council and its Committees.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-1070

Resumption of In-Person or Hybrid Neighborhood Council Meetings

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1070>

It has been well over two years since neighborhood councils have had the opportunity to meet in person; nonetheless the Los Angeles City Council has been able to resume its in-person meetings. 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 is having a chilling effect on the ability of our stakeholders to make their issues and concerns known. This runs counter to the role that neighborhood councils were intended to serve as ratified in the municipal code

18. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-1189

Elected Officials / Martinez, de Leon and Cedillo / Offensive Misconducts / Racist and Hateful Comments / City Charter / Immediate Resignation Demand

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1189>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council voted to approve the Resolution introduced on October 11, 2022 by the Los Angeles City Council to censure Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo for their conduct and statements that were made public regarding the redistricting meeting of October 2021, which undermined the integrity of the redistricting process throughout the City. The North Hills West Neighborhood Council joins with the Los Angeles City Council and the public in demanding that Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo immediately resign from the City Council. Ms. Martinez has already submitted her full resignation as both President and member of the Council.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-1192

Removed from Office / Select New Council President / Vacant

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1192>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the City Council's motion of October 11, 2022 to implement Council Rule 3, to hold an election to select a new Los Angeles City Council President because of the resignation of the previously elected President, Nury Martinez, which has the position vacant.

20. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Impact Statement regarding:

Council File 22-1196

Charter Reform Ballot Initiative / 2024 / Redistricting Process / Los Angeles City Council Seats / Representa

tion Fixed to Population Growth

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1196>

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the Charter Reform Ballot Initiative to create an independent redistricting commission. The issue of redistricting has considerable consequences to both the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Unified School District. This is especially timely after the City of Los Angeles City Council has come under scrutiny world-wide over the lack of transparency and the back-room dealings over this issue. It is time for the City of Los Angeles to align itself with State and County governments which employ independent redistricting commissions to ensure fairness and equity in the process. Failure to do so has already had serious consequences for our city. Taking this step will greatly help the City of Los Angeles to move forward.

21. NHWNC CIS Filer(s) Report – Linda Erdman

22. General Board member announcements on non-agenda items (2 minutes)

23. Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Send to: President@nhwnc.net minimum 10 days before desired meeting date, with **AGENDA REQUEST in the subject line**. Please attach documents, along with sufficient information, links to support adequate description for discussion.

24. Adjournment

Please Note: Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Board President.

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RECONSIDERATION PROCESS: Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS: A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS: In compliance with ‘Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all the board in advance of its meetings, may be viewed at the board meeting.

Documents may also be reviewed by going to the Board’s website www.nhwnc.net.

In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Board Secretary at secretary@nhwnc.net by phone 818-903-2259 or mail to NHWNC – PO Box 2091 – North Hills – CA – 91393.

NHWNC BYLAWS – Please be advised that the bylaws of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the bylaws which were approved on 6-07-2022 are available during every meeting and online at: [www.http://nhwnc.net](http://nhwnc.net). In compliance with 'government code section 5497.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all the Board in advance of a meeting are available on our website: [www.http://nhwnc.net](http://nhwnc.net). For more information about the NHWNC please call – 818-903-2259 – or send mail to P.O. Box 2091 – North Hills CA 91393-2091. Or email to: board@nhwnc.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

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