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Meets third Monday's each month & fourth Monday's in February, January and June  
Vineyard Recreation Center  
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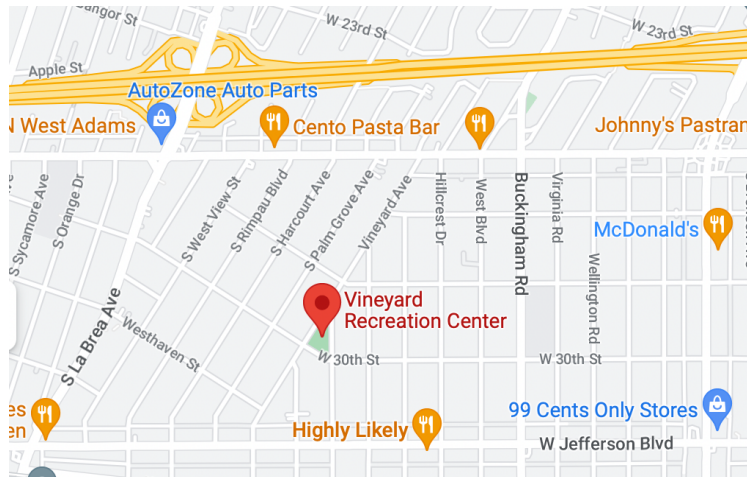
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**West Adams Neighborhood Council**  
Board & Stakeholders Meeting Agenda  
IN-PERSON MEETING

**Monday, October 21, 2024 (6:30pm)**  
**Vineyard Recreation Center**

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## West Adams Neighborhood Council

Board & Stakeholders Meeting Agenda  
Monday, October 21, 2024 (6:30pm)

**AGENDA** *(Please note: All items may be discussed in a different order than how they are listed on the agenda on the day of the noticed meeting. The order of business may be changed without notice).*

1. **Call to Order:** Welcome and Roll Call of Board Members
2. **General Public Comment:** Public's open comments on non-agenda items (2 min max per person)
3. **Reports from Government Officials & Representatives**
4. **WANC Subcommittee Reports** with Full-board discussion and possible actions regarding subcommittee activity and subcommittee resolutions.
  - a. Land Use (see New Business items)
  - b. Public Safety (see Old Business item)
  - c. Finance
  - d. Outreach
  - e. Rules
  - f. Education
  - g. Elections
5. **Treasurer Report**
  - a. Discussion and possible action on September 2024 MER.
  - b. Review of Neighborhood Purpose Grant concept and applicant instructions



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## 6. Old Business

- a. Board vote to approve **September 2024 Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**.

<https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2024-09-16/minutes>

- b. Discussion and possible action to **constitute Ad-Hoc Arts, Creativity and Culture Committee**, whose purpose and intent is to assist the WANC Board in promoting, encouraging and increasing support for West Adams artistic and cultural assets as well as working to integrate arts and culture into community life.

- Arts and culture can create a sense of belonging and shared identity, and help people connect with each other across differences.
- Community engagement: Arts and culture can deepen civic pride and community participation.
- Health and wellbeing: Arts can improve healthcare, reduce loneliness, and help people develop soft skills.
- Community goals: Arts and culture can help communities achieve goals related to housing, health and neighborhoods.
- Creative place making: Arts and culture can help neighborhoods plan for the future and preserve their history.

- c. Discussion and possible action (e.g. board resolution, CIS) regarding communication of **CD10 positions on Transportation and Public Safety**



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## 7. New Business

- a. Presentation from Dr. Mark Jutabha, **Community School Manager of Stella Elementary Charter Academy**, following by discussion and possible action to approve resolution acknowledging Stella Elementary Charter Academy's LAUSD Charter School (TK – 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Mansfield Avenue near Adams and LaBrea) visits and invitations to our neighborhood council, in order to foster relationship between WANC and the school's ongoing community-based activities.
  
- b. Discussion and possible action to change WANC Standing Rules for **the Land Use committee to address cannabis license renewals.**
  
- c. Discussion and possible action to remove Dorsay Dujon as **WANC Secretary**
  
- d. Discussion and possible action on **WANC Community Impact Statements** addressing the following:

### **Opposition to Community Councils same status as Neighborhood Councils.**

Council File 15-0389-S2 & Council File 15-0389-S1

Council File: 15-0389-S2. Community Councils / Same Privileges As Neighborhood Councils / Legal and Charter Considerations / Brown Act Compliance / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment

Position: Against

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Council File: 15-0389-S1. Addressing City Council, Commissions or Boards / Extend Time Allowance to Non-Certified Community Councils / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment



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Position: Against

### **Support to Ratepayer Advocate of the Proposed Increase in Sewer Service Charges**

Council File: 24-0995. Ratepayer Advocate/ Supplementary Review/ Proposed Sewer Service Charge Rate Adjustments/ Wastewater System Challenges (proposed CIS language appended)

### **Support for Banning the Use of Artificial Turf for Residential Purposes**

Council File: 24-0602. Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping

## **8. Future WANC Meetings**

- a. **Agenda setting** for next Board & Stakeholder Meeting
- b. Anticipated **upcoming WANC-related Meetings and Outreach events**

## **9. Adjourn**



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## Community Impact Statement

Council File: 15-0389-S2

Title: Community Councils / Same Privileges As Neighborhood Councils / Legal and Charter Considerations / Brown Act Compliance / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment

Position: Against

Council File: 15-0389-S1

Title: Addressing City Council, Commissions or Boards / Extend Time Allowance to Non-Certified Community Councils / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment

Position: Against

While the members of the West Adams Neighborhood Council appreciate the well-meaning intent of the motion referenced by Council Files 15-0389-S2 and 15-0389-S1, granting Community Councils the same privileges as those afforded to Neighborhood Councils pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819, West Adams Neighborhood Council must oppose the motion for the following reasons:

All certified Neighborhood Councils are required to comply with the Brown Act, Public Records Act, relevant City ordinances, and the policies and rules of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and the City Clerk's Neighborhood Council Funding Program and Election Division, including several training, funding, and records requirements. In contrast, community councils are not subject to these requirements, which serve to promote transparency, accountability, and public participation.

Neighborhood Councils are prohibited from activities such as raising outside funding, supporting or opposing candidates and ballot measures, and suing the city. Depending on their status Community Councils may support candidates and ballot measures.

Community Councils can restrict board membership in any way they choose, do not need to give notice of meeting times and locations, do not have to allow the public to attend and address them, or let the public know what they are discussing and deciding. The purpose of the Neighborhood Council System is supposed to be open discussion of issues in a public meeting. Community Councils can meet and decide issues in ways that are opaque and secretive. Several years ago, the Pacific Palisades Community Council declined to seek Neighborhood Council status, stating it did not wish to comply with the Brown Act and other laws. It also solicits





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## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Council File: 24-0995

Regarding: Ratepayer Advocate/ Supplementary Review/ Proposed Sewer Service Charge Rate Adjustments/ Wastewater System Challenges

Position: Support

The West Adams Neighborhood Council supports Council File 24-0995, which proposes to instruct the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), with the assistance of the Ratepayer Advocate (funded by BOS), to conduct a supplementary review of the proposed Sewer Service Charge rate adjustments and the components that comprise it - consisting of the capital program, operation and maintenance expenses and debt service requirements - in order to assess its viability and determine if there are alternative methods to address the wastewater system's challenges thereby protecting the interests of the ratepayers. (Motion by Council member Monica Rodriguez)

In addition, two outreach events conducted by the Bureau of Sanitation to educate over 3,000,000 residents in Los Angeles about the proposed adjustments that will greatly impact their economy is simply insufficient. West Adams Neighborhood Council recommends more outreach be done.

The West Adams Neighborhood Council is opposed to the proposed increase in Sewer Service Charge. The increase, as proposed, 22% in 2024, and approximately 120% total by 2028 will be detrimental to the cost of living for residents and businesses of Los Angeles who are already struggling to make ends meet. The cost of living in Los Angeles is already too high. Lack of planning and foresight on the part of the Bureau of Sanitation should not adversely burden the citizens of Los Angeles. Therefore, SVANC supports CF 20-0995 and requests that more public outreach be done.





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## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Council File: 24-0602

Title: Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping

Position: For

The West Adams Neighborhood Council supports CF 24-0602. The West Adams NC requests that the report requested from the Chief Legislative Office and the CAO office be unbiased, weighing the pros and cons of using artificial turf to replace grass in residential areas. The West Adams NC expects that in the report is an analysis of the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations containing polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS in Los Angeles. If the report shows that current installations of artificial turf are detrimental, then that the City Council ban the use of artificial turf for residential purposes in the City of Los Angeles per SB676 passed in 2023.

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