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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Chaminade College Preparatory -- Condon Center, 2nd Floor
23241 West Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

Enter Chaminade through the Cohasset Street Entrance Between Woodlake and Platt Avenue. Enter through the parking lot, bear left and continue over the hill until you see the Condon Family Technology Center on the left. Park in the nearest lot.

In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and La City Council Approval on November 1, 2023, the West Hills Neighborhood Council Bylaws Committee meeting will be conducted virtually.

SB 411 Updates:

If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

- i. An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph, o provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
- ii. An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.
- iii. An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Bylaws Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar, telephonically and in person. All are invited to attend and participate.

- To attend online via Zoom Webinar: Click or paste the following link into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860883974>
- To call in by phone, dial (669) 900-6833, then punch in this Webinar code when prompted: 858 6088 3974, then press #.
- To attend in person, please attend Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 2nd Floor, 23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

Call to Order and Establish Quorum

1. Approval of the April 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Comments and Announcements from the Chair
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the WHNC Standing Rules to Require Board members to Participate In-Person and not Virtually through SB411
Some proposals:
 - a. Minimum number of meetings a calendar year attended in-person
 - b. Maximum number of SB411 virtual meetings per calendar year
 - c. Maximum number of virtual meetings (SB411 and AB2449) per calendar year
5. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the WHNC Standing Rules to Require all Public Meetings to be Available Virtually
6. Discussion and Possible Action to Reduce the Number of Seats on the WHNC Board of Directors.
This action would require a Bylaws change and approval by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
The next Bylaws review period is in 2026.
7. Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items for the Bylaws Committee

Adjournment

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Tuesday June 25, 2024.

Public Input: 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, an issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the committee.

The Americans With Disabilities Act - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

Public Posting of Agendas - WHNC agendas are posted for public review at Platt Village, on the Southside of Pavilions, closest to Nothing Bundt Cakes at 6534 Platt Avenue, West Hills, CA 91307 or at our website, www.westhillsnc.org You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to [L.A. City's Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

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

Public Access of Records - In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: www.westhillsnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the WHNC's executive director via email at michelle.ritchie@westhillsnc.org

Reconsideration and Grievance Process - For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.westhillsnc.org

Servicios De Traduccion: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Michelle.Ritchie@westhillsnc.org

Bylaws December 2023 Supporting Documentation

4. Article V Governing Board

Section 7: Absences

A Board member who has been absent from five (5) of the previous twelve (12) regular or special meetings of the Board shall be subject to removal from the Board under procedures established by the Board. A Board member shall not be considered “absent” for purposes of this section when he or she attends a conflicting meeting or event as an official representative of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. Any meeting of the WHNC Governing Board, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Member attendance with the exception that missing any joint board/committee meeting shall not count as an absence for this purpose.

5. Article V Governing Board,

Section 6: Vacancies on the Board

The Committee Chair(s) shall be appointed by the WHNC President. In selecting members for the committee, the Chair(s) shall give consideration to eligible Board members who express interest and who did not serve on the previous Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee. To be considered eligible, a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council trainings and must currently be a member of the Board for at least two (2) years.

6. Article V Governing Board

Section 7, Absences

A. Absences started being counted effective with the adoption of the bylaws. (May 1, 2013) ~~B. A record of attendance for the previous 12 months shall be kept current on the WHNC web site.~~ CB. Any board member who comes within one (1) absence of being subject to removal shall be notified promptly in writing that he/she is in jeopardy of being removed from the board. ~~DC.~~ Upon exceeding the permissible number of absences, the board member shall be notified promptly in writing. This notice shall include the relevant absence records and shall notify the board member that he/she may dispute the absence records at the next regular board meeting. ~~ED.~~ Upon the board’s verification of the absence records at its next regular meeting, the board shall ratify the facts and the subject board member’s seat shall be vacated. A board member’s inability to be present because they are obliged to attend an event elsewhere on Board business shall not be considered an “absence” for purposes outlined in this section.