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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 27, 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, telephonically and in person.

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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 June 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Comments and Announcements from the Chair
3. Public Comment

All Proposals are DRAFT and Subject to Amendment.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Stakeholder Verification for the 2025 WHNC Election.

Self-Affirmation	Documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires voters to affirm, under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible to vote in the Neighborhood Councils election • Does not require documentation to support eligibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires voters to submit identification and documentation to support their eligibility • Documentation can include, but is not limited to, Consular ID cards, driver's license, passport, utility bill, school ID, proof of membership to a nonprofit, etc. • Stakeholder must provide proof of their stakeholder status before receiving a ballot

Current WHNC Bylaws;
Article X Elections

Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status Voters will verify their stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to file a CIS on Council File 24-0867: Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth (Rodriguez - Hernandez): Introduced July 30, 2024 and referred to Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee. Committee. Motion is requesting that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth. Motion is also requesting the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.

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6. Discussion and Possible Action to Excuse Board Member Absences – Standing Rule Change

DONE Template Article V Governing Board

Section 7: Absences In this section, **the Department recommends against language permitting “excused” absences**. If you decide to allow excused absences, the Department invites you to provide a definition of an excused absence and how such excused absences are requested, received, and memorialized. The Department recommends using strict objective criteria to define excused absences. It must be applied fairly and uniformly. Any Board Member who misses [INSERT NUMBER] regularly scheduled consecutive Neighborhood Council [Option: Regular] Board Meetings or, optionally, [INSERT NUMBER] total [Option: Regular] Governing Board Meetings during any twelve (12) month [Select One: Fiscal Year or Calendar or Anniversary or Rolling] period will be automatically removed from the Board. Each Council Board Member absence shall be recorded in the Council’s Meeting Minutes or other manner of Council record keeping, and that, upon missing the required number of Board Meetings for removal, [SELECT ONE: “the Council Presiding Officer shall notify the Board Member and provide notice to that Board Member that their seat has been declared vacant.” OR “the Council Presiding Officer shall notify the Board Member of the absences and place on the agenda the removal of the Board Member at a regular or special Board meeting whereupon the Board shall determine the validity of the absences before taking action to remove the Board Member.”] Any meeting of the Neighborhood Council Board, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Member attendance. Prior to the item being placed on the agenda, the Council Presiding Officer shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney for advice on removal process. Rev. August 2023

7. Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items for the Bylaws Committee

Adjournment

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Tuesday September 24, 2024.

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, 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.

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.

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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

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