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BOARD RETREAT AGENDA

Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council

January 31, 2026

9:00am – 3:00pm

Porsche Dealership

In their Community Room

20539 Ventura Blvd. Woodland Hills CA, 91364

IN PERSON MEETNG

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Joyce Fletcher, Secretaria al 818-639-9444 or j.fletcher@whcouncil.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

***PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – The public may address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. *Public comment is limited to (2) minutes per speaker.*

***PUBLIC INPUT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - 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, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

General Public Comment is limited to (2) minutes per speaker and 20 minutes total unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the board.

Notice: Candidates running for elections in LA and California: Individual candidates may not speak about their candidacy as this is prohibited by: The California Supreme Court in *Stanson v. Mott* (1976) 17 Cal.3d 206 at 217 provided the general guiding principle prohibiting the use of public funds and resources in election matters: "A fundamental precept of this nation's democratic electoral process is that the government may not take sides in election contests or bestow an unfair advantage on one of several competing factions. NC board members may attend candidate forums that are not sponsored by the NC or provide a forum where ***ALL candidates are invited, are present and are provided equal time to speak.***

AGENDA

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Board Members

Area 1 – Karen DiBiase, Geoffrey Hobson, Shelly Schwartz
Area 2 – Julian Tu, Reina Cerros-McCaughey, Jon Mann, Susan Roberts
Area 3 - August Steurer, Dean Mathew, Harout Aristakessian,
Area 4 – Martin Lipkin, Mary Jo Rizvi, Janyce Pink
Area 5 - Meagan Jacoby
Area 6 – Danny Mulvihill, Heath Kline, Harris Cohen
Area 7 – Kate Kennedy, Joyce Fletcher, Juliet Schwarz

9:00 – 9:15AM

Healing and Guided Meditation with Lisa O'Laughlin

9:15 – 9:45AM

Opening Remarks • Current Initiatives (with Budget Allocation Goals) • Setting Short-Term Goals

9:45 – 10:05 AM

Small Group Discussion #1

10:05 – 10:30 AM

Awards & Recognition Ceremony • Remarks from City Leader • Award presentations • Group Photo 

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Presentation: “Strategies for Cooperative Interactions” with Liza Katsman

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lunch  Blai Thai, Les Sisters, Salad, Beverages, Snacks

1:30 – 1:55 PM

Small Group Discussion #2

1:55 – 2:20 PM

Small Group Discussion #3

2:20 – 2:45 PM

Small Group Discussion #4

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Announcements:

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on February 11, 2026. Please visit the calendar page at whcouncil.org for the complete details and to confirm the date and time.

Meeting dates for year 2025 -2026: Full Board meeting are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. Check the NC website calendar for a complete list of committee and board meetings. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Adjournment of Meeting:

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