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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(21) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(4) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/15/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 02/29/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-1114

Agenda Date: 11/01/2023

Item Number: 20

Summary: The Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council, under California Senate Bill 411 and Council File 23-1114, authorizes the use of virtual and hybrid-virtual meetings as a valid and necessary means to conduct the council's Board and Committee meetings. The decision to implement virtual meetings will have multiple positive impacts on our community: 1. Enhanced Accessibility: Virtual meetings will facilitate participation for stakeholders, including those with mobility issues or busy schedules. 2. Increased Engagement: Remote meetings will attract a wider and more diverse range of community members, fostering richer and more inclusive discussions. 3. Safety: Virtual meetings will protect our community members during health emergencies, ensuring their safety while engaging in civic matters. 4. Improved Facilities: Virtual meetings address limitations of public and private facilities, including the lack of ADA-approved facilities

and limited availability during convenient hours. 5. Access to Expertise: Virtual meetings enable access to testimony from distant experts and officials, enhancing decision-making and informed choices. 6. Board Member Participation: Board members with day job commitments involving travel, or have caregiver responsibilities, can fully participate, strengthening our council. In conclusion, adopting virtual meetings aligns with our Neighborhood Council's commitment to enhancing community engagement, ensuring accessibility, addressing facility limitations, and accommodating the schedules of dedicated board members. This decision will ultimately strengthen our council and provide a better platform for our Woodland Hills – Warner Center community to shape our neighborhood's future. See our attached CIS for the full explanation as to why our NC voted unanimously to have the option for our full board and its committees to meet 100% virtually or in a hybrid-virtual format.

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WHWCNC CF 23-1114 SB-411 CIS.pdf

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Resolution/Community Impact Statement

Board

Regarding

CF 23-1114 & California Senate Bill 411

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Board Authorized Submittal
by Heath Kline
for

Dena Weiss, President
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Action Passed on 02/15/2024

Members Present: 25
Members Absent: 2
2/3 Seats Quorum: 16

Members voting Aye: 21
Members voting Nay: 0
Members Abstaining: 0

Members Ineligible: 4
Members Recused: 0

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Board President Dena Weiss moves, and Board Treasurer Heath Kline seconds, that on the unanimous recommendation of the Governance Committee of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council that the full board of the NC **(a.)** pass by not less than a 2/3 majority [16] of the 23 seats on the WHWCNC the following Board Resolution & Community Impact Statement [CIS] declaring the NC's decision to have the option to conduct its full board and/or committee meetings in a hybrid-virtual and/or fully virtual format for all the reasons set forth below as authorized by California Senate Bill 411 and Council File 23-1114; and **(b.)** authorize and direct the NC Board President to complete and file the related Attestation Statement below, and take all such necessary actions to affect the implementation and intent of this motion.

Attestation Statement

I, **Dena Weiss** declare that I am the President of the **Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council** and that on **February 15, 2024**, at a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a **2/3 of seats [23] quorum of 16**, with **21** (number) board members present and that by a vote of **21** (number) yes, **0** (number) no, and **0** (number) abstentions adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, this resolution is the official statement adopted by this Neighborhood Council. The **Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC** satisfies the 2/3 board requirement of SB 411 and approves meeting virtually for board and/or committee meetings **for all the reasons set forth below in our adopted Community Impact Statement [CIS] Resolution:**

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Whereas, the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council has a long-standing commitment to engaging our community members transparently and accessibly; and,

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the transition to virtual meetings to protect public health, leading to increased accessibility and participation by Angelenos in Neighborhood Council activities; and,

Whereas, the expiration of State of Emergency modifications to the Brown Act resulted in a significant drop in participation from board members and community stakeholders, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged communities; and,

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Whereas, Members of our Board have resigned due to the inability for various reasons to meet in person; and,

Whereas, Board vacancies are more difficult to fill due to the requirement to meet in person; and,

Whereas, California Senate Bill 411, passed by the State Legislature, allows Neighborhood Councils the option to conduct virtual meetings, ensuring public participation during future emergencies or exceptional circumstances; and,

Whereas, the City Council, through the approval of Council File 23-1114, endorses and supports Neighborhood Councils in making decisions regarding virtual meetings; and,

Whereas SB 411 requires this Board to formally approve meeting virtually but must also physically meet annually at least once; and,

Whereas, our local libraries and fire stations' meeting rooms often have limited availability, limit the use of audiovisual equipment, have no or limited parking for public meetings and thereby are not conducive to effective committee or board meetings; and,

Whereas, the City does not allow free use of private facilities; and,

Whereas, private facilities are expensive to rent, poorly equipped for public meetings, and may lack ADA- approved facilities; and,

Whereas, virtual meetings provide the opportunity to receive testimony from distant experts and officials, enriching the quality of our discussions and decision-making; and,

Whereas, Board Members and community members with senior care or parental duties may struggle to secure alternate care in the evenings, limiting their participation and achieving a diversity of opinions; and,

Whereas, Los Angeles is a vast city, where Board Members and community stakeholders often face long commutes, making it difficult for them to attend in-person meetings on time or at all; and,

Whereas, dedicated board members and committee stakeholders may often travel for their day jobs, preventing them from participating in person due to scheduling conflicts; and,

Whereas, utilization of Virtual Meetings and Hybrid Virtual/Physical Meetings mitigates the above stated factors limiting community participation; and,

Whereas, the original intent of the Brown Act was to open meetings to the public for transparency not afforded by secret meetings and Virtual Meetings extend transparency beyond in-person meetings by allowing more of the public to participate and observe;

Now, therefore, it is resolved that the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council, under California Senate Bill 411 and Council File 23-1114, authorizes the use of virtual and hybrid-virtual meetings as a valid and necessary means to conduct the council's Board and Committee meetings.

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