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NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm

NEW HORIZONS - SAM'S CAFÉ @ 15725 PARTHENIA STREET NORTH HILLS, CA 91343

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Dan Gibson - President, Carol Hart- Vice President, Madlena Minasian - Treasurer, Dave Brown - Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

Heather Hudson Beeber, Jay Beeber, Gil Brenner, Pat Crone, Maggie Elliott, Punam Gohel,
David Hyman, Carlos Pelaez, Kreshell Ramey

**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD.
PLEASE NOTE THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER.
ALL SPEAKER CARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS.**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

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- 1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum and Voting Eligibility.**
- 3. Announcements and Comments - President.**
- 4. Public Agency Speakers and Announcements.**
- 5. General Public Comments - 2 minutes per Speaker**

The public may provide comments to the Board on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the December 19, 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes.
7. Report from Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey and NHWNC Budget Representative Pat Crone.
8. Discussion and possible action to ratify the President's recommended Chair and Member appointments and changes to Standing and Ad Hoc committees as well as NHWNC Liaisons.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.
10. Discussion and possible action authorize Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Jose Galdamez to retrieve the NHWNC 2019 election materials from the Office of the City Clerk. The materials include the stakeholder registration forms, candidate filing applications, and ballots.
11. Discussion and possible action to send a letter to Councilmembers' Lee and Martinez to enable continued efforts to keep the area under the 405/Parthenia overpass clean and safe.
12. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,200 for the rental of New Horizons Sam's Café to host the "2020 Town Hall on the New Sex Ed Curriculum, K-12" to be held Saturday, February 29, 2020. Presentation by Abby Bailes, Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee for Town Hall on LAUSD Sex Ed, Northridge West NC.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Board's position on Senate Bill 50 (Weiner), a proposal to eliminate much of the current zoning rules near transit stops and other designated areas. On March 21, 2019, the Board voted unanimously to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the LA City Council to include in the City's 2019-2020 Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB50. The bill will be heard in the State Senate Appropriations committee this month. The bill has undergone some minor changes and it is necessary for the Board to consider its position on the current version of the bill and communicate that position to the City Council and other elected officials representing the area.

The current text of the bill can be found here: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB50

The City Council file referencing the City Council's previous actions regarding SB50 can be found here: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnnumber=19-0002-S38>

Possible Motion: The North Hills West Neighborhood Council shall submit to the LA City Council a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to express the Neighborhood Council's continuing OPPOSITION to SB50, and authorizing letters regarding the NHWNC's opposition to SB 50 to be sent to our elected officials representing this area.

14. Discussion and possible action concerning the North San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit Corridor.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$250.00 to provide refreshments for the CD 12 Candidate Debate to be held Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Granada Hills Charter HS Highlander Hall.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$250.00 to provide refreshments for the LAPD Devonshire Active Shooter Town Hall to be held Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Granada Hills Charter HS Highlander Hall.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve adjustments to the 2019-2020 NHWNC Budget and/or Administrative Packet.

18. Committee and Liaison Reports

19. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items.

20. Adjournment

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council Agenda is posted for public review at the following North Hills West locations: Uncle Joe's Donuts - 8704 Woodley Avenue and on our website at www.nhwnc.net

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS – The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item on the Agenda PRIOR to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items period.

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RECONSIDERATION PROCESS - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a Motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

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 the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda please contact Dan Gibson, Board President, via email at dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com, by phone 818-903-2259 or mail to NHWNC – PO Box 2091 – North Hills – CA – 91393.

NHWNC BYLAWS - Please be advised that the Bylaws of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available during every meeting.

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DÍAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR CONTACTE A DAN GIBSON, PRESIDENTE DE LA MESA, POR EMAIL A dgibson.nhwnc@gmail.com O POR TELEFONO 818-903-2259.

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Northridge West Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee

Working Plan for "2020 Town Hall on LAUSD's Sex Ed Curriculum, K-12"

2020 Town Hall on LAUSD's Sex Ed Curriculum, K-12

By the Northridge West Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee, Chairwoman, Abby Bailes

Purpose: The purpose of the "2020 Town Hall on the New Sex Ed Curriculum, K-12" is to promote transparency, communicate information about curricula, and allow community members to ask questions and provide feedback to LAUSD, so that parents and LAUSD may make an informed decision about the education of our children.

Proposed Dates: We are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb 29, 2020. This date was selected based on the availability of LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson, other leaders, and the venue. The date will be confirmed as soon as the venue funds are approved on the upcoming agenda.

Venue: The Ad Hoc Committee is working with several local Neighborhood Councils, Board Member Scott Schmerelson, and LAUSD leaders to arrange the venue for this event. The venue will be located in the San Fernando Valley and able to accommodate 300-500 persons. New Horizon's Sam's Café on Parthenia has been agendized for approval by North Hills West NC in Jan 2020. Other possible venues include: Granada Hills HS Highlander Hall, Nobel Middle School MPR, and others.

Program Logistics: The Town Hall will be a 2-hour 15-minute public information event. A panel of speakers will be invited to present LAUSD's Curriculum on Sex Ed, information about parental rights, medical accuracy of sex ed information, the impact of Sex ed on children and the community, and curriculum alternatives that comply with CA state law. Each speaker will receive an allotted time to present their information, followed by questions from the community guided by a moderator, and open public comment and questions.

Timeline DRAFT:

- Introduction of Event by Local Leader –Christy Smith, Scott Schmerelson, Austin Beutner TBD (5 minutes)
- Moderator Introduction of Speaker by Tanya McRae of Spectrum TV (10 Minutes)
- Panelists Presentations (10-20 minutes TBD per speaker) up to 1 hour (60 Minutes)
- Q & A led by Moderator from questions submitted by the public in advance to include responses from whole panel (30 Minutes)
- Q & A open mic public comment and questions (1-2 minutes per person), (30 Minutes)
- Close Event

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Outreach to other NCs: The Ad Hoc Committee is in communication with several neighboring NCs. It is the goal of the Ad Hoc Committee to work alongside other Neighborhood Councils so together we can assist our communities in accessing information about Sex Ed programs and help our community reach a consensus on these challenging issues. Some of the proposed expenses will be requested from other NC. A motion of support was unanimously approved by Granada Hills North NC and is on the agenda for upcoming meetings at several other NCs.

Proposed Speakers: The Ad Hoc Committee discussed, and is in the process of vetting a broad range of speakers who are experts in their fields and who can offer multiple perspectives on the new CA Sex Ed programs. The speakers will focus on their area of expertise, as related to the new CA Sex Ed, and present to the community as part of a balanced, informative panel. Most of the speakers listed below have already agreed to speak at the Town Hall (confirmation depends on date/availability). We have included multiple speakers in each category; however, at the event **only ONE speaker** from each of the, up to six, focus areas will be confirmed (due to time constraints). When the plan is approved and the date is set, the speakers will be confirmed. Each speaker will be given an allotted time to present and then participate in Q&A guided by Moderator and open public comment and Q&A.

The focus areas for the Town Hall are as follows:

1. LAUSD Division of Instruction
2. Parent Representative/Advocate
3. Legal Experts on CA Law and Parental Rights
4. Law Enforcement/Public Safety Comments
5. Curriculum Alternatives that Comply with CA Law
6. Medical Expert and Experts in Sociology to speak to medical accuracy and age appropriateness

LAUSD Division of Instruction. The Ad Hoc Committee is in communication with Board Member Schmerelson, CD 12 Councilman John Lee, and the Office of the Superintendent Joseph Nacorda to identify a LAUSD representative for this event. The following persons have been contacted; however, others may be selected, as determined by LAUSD and the Ad Hoc Committee:

- Tim Kordic, *LAUSD Health Education Programs, HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit*
- Adriana Valenzuela, *LAUSD Division of Coordinator Health Social Emotional Learning and Physical Education Programs*

Parent Representative/Advocate:

- Michelle New, Alliance to Protect Children, www.alliancetpc.org
- Gracey Van Der Mark, *Informed Parents of CA*, <https://informedparents.org/>

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Legal Experts on CA State Law and Parental Rights

- Attorney David Llewellyn
- Attorney Nada N. Higuera
- Attorney Greg Burt

Law Enforcement/Public Safety

- Shari Gabourel, Retired Federal Investigator, Department of Social Services
- The Ad Hoc Committee is in contact with LAPD Devonshire Division to work with an officer in Sex Crimes for possible comment, TBD
- Seymour Amster, Director of Teen Court/LAPD diversion program

Curriculum Alternatives: A look at other curricula that complies with state law and what alternatives may be available to LAUSD.

- Skip Hellewell, United Parents and Editor of "Heart Curriculum" (Confirmed)

Medical Experts and Experts in Sociology:

- Ariel Ferdinald, Sociologist and Professor at Biola University, Department of Communications
- Dr. Avani Gupta, DO, MS Diplomat, Family Medicine
- Dr. Judy Chaisson, Human Relations, Diversity and Equity/Bullying Resources