



**Westside Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022**

1 WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. **Terri Tippit, Chair, Called the meeting to order.**

The Roll Call proceeded.

Those Members Present:

**Seat 1 Jae Wu, Seat 2 Lisa Morocco* Seat 4 Kim Christensen,
Seat 5 Louis Schillace, Seat 6 Vicki Curry, Seat 7 Barbara Broide,
Seat 8 Terri Tippit, Seat 9 Sean McMillan, Seat 10 Mary Williams,
Seat 11 Mary Kusnic, Seat 12 Margaret Gillespie, Seat 13 Jane
Wishon, Seat 14 Shannon Burns, Seat 15 Caryn Friedman, Seat 16
Karriann Hinds, Seat 17 Joanne Dorfman, Seat 18 Joseph Roth,
Lisa Seat 2 Left @7:50pm**

Absent:

Seat 3 Jeff Hronek

Seat 19 Vacant

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Kim itemized and reviewed the corrections to the November 11, 2021 which were noted and the Minutes updated. The motion was made approving the Minutes as corrected.

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the November 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Mary W #10

Pass 15-0-2

Yes Seats # 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18

Abstain Seats # 5, 14

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the November 18, 2021 LUC Meeting Minutes.

Moved: Barbara #7
Second: Mary W #10
Pass: 13 – 0 - 4
Yes Seats # 2,4,5,7,8,9,10,12,14,15,16,17,18
Abstain Seats # 1,6,11.13

b.Treasurer, Shannon Burns

Shannon reviewed the November 2021 MER as presented and itemized.

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the November 2021 MER.

Moved: Shannon #14
Second: Lisa #2
Pass
Yes 17 - 0 - 0
Seats # 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Shannon reviewed the December 2021 MER as presented and itemized.

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the December 2021 MER.

Moved: Shannon #14
Second: Sean #9
Pass:
Yes 17 – 0 - 0
1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were not any presentations at the January meeting.

4. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. LAPD, County and Other Government Depts./Agencies

LAPD was not able to attend the January meeting.

Michelle Persoff presented a brief update of the state, 54th District and an overview of the general fund balance and major allocations including Covid and Homeless.

Zac Gaidzik spoke briefly on the current and planned activities in Supervisor Kuehl's West/Metro Los Angeles communities including the upcoming area homeless count and Covid related services.

Lorenzo spoke about the Done training and is obtaining clarification on the ABEL training requirements.

5. BOARD REPORTS

Chair, Terri Tippit

Redistricting Update Trammel Crow Funds

WNC Chair, Terri gave an update on the redistricting and discussed aspects and several geographic issues with the board members. Noting on a map that changes including Century City and Jane's area were made.

She noted that although the WNC By-Laws had been submitted they had not as

yet been approved. Lorenzo stated they expect approval by February 1st.

Terri acknowledged and extended a "Thank you" to Joseph for all of his work and representation on behalf of the WNC.

Terri spoke about the Trammell Crow Funds and in discussion with Lisa and Barbara it was noted that these funds are to be spent prior to the expiration of

Council Member Koretz's term. Additional information will be forthcoming as it is available.

Outreach, Lisa Morocco

Lisa gave an update on our WNC Pick Pico event. Lisa spoke in detail and addressed that the status again this year, due to Covid and the related restrictions and issues, we will not be able to do. She spoke about the fact that it is not possible given the situation to obtain the requisite insurance necessary to hold the event. Lisa and Jae are in discussions including a potential change in the event date to the Fall, which is very difficult to project and likely not be possible due to Omicron, etc., a virtual type of event. Lisa said she and Jae will keep everyone updated. Lisa also spoke to the WNC funds allocated for the event which have to be spent by June; and asked for the board members thoughts on options at the February meeting.

Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan

Sean presented a heartfelt overview of the myriad of issues and the complexities of the issues that the homeless face, and the challenges of dealing with these issues in the work done assisting the homeless.

Sean spoke about WLAH.ORG, and the work which is done through this nonprofit dedicated to assisting the homeless.

Homeless Count Event

Sean spoke about the upcoming homeless count in the WNC area and acknowledged Margaret Gillespie; and he spoke of her work and background in mental health and added she's assisting in the count.

Sean also thanked Joseph and Mary Williams for all their assistance; it was noted that Mary worked to reunite a homeless individual here in our area with their family in Ohio. Terri acknowledged and thanked everyone for all their efforts and dedication. It was noted that Terri had also assisted an area homeless individual in reuniting with their family outside California. All agreed that it is important to give a voice to this important work and this also helps to access available funds and resources to assist in this regard.

WRAC Motions, Jane Wishon

WRAC:

SB330 Microsoft Word - Background Information re Revisions to SB 330.docx (westsidecouncils.com)

Motion:

The Westside Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles, through the Council's Government Affairs Committee, include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the following request for revisions to SB 330, and implement local regulations in conformance with such revisions, if enacted, as follows:

- 1. When RSO units are demolished and replaced pursuant to the provisions and protections in SB330, any units that must be provided pursuant to a density bonus under SB1818 or SB1222A shall be additive to those numbers of replacement units that are required pursuant to SB330 (instead of "inclusive").**

2. All replacement units shall be of comparable size and configuration (i.e. they shall have the same number of bedrooms and at least the same square footage).

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support SB330.

Moved: Jane #13

Second: Kim #4

Pass:

Yes 17 - 0 - 0

Seats # 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF# 21-1115 –

The drafting of an ordinance to ban bicycle “chop shops” from public property and the public right-of-way in Los Angeles

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1115_mot_10-05-21.pdf

Motion:

That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF#21-1115.

Moved: Jane #13

Second: Barbara #7

Pass:

Yes 17 – 0 - 0

Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Planning Committee

Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen

Updates on Planning Issues

Kim spoke of current upcoming projects including the TOC projects on Westwood Blvd. and East Pico. Kim added that they will be on the WNC agenda and presented to the WNC Board within the next six months.

Terri added that we are concerned as the area is losing existing smaller scale and commercial buildings to these types of projects.

Kim and Barbara spoke to concerns and issues in this regard. It was also noted that the street furniture program did not move forward given concerns around the homeless public toilet program. Kim stated the public scoping on the Sepulveda Corridor Project will be held on February 11th.

**Sustainability, Transportation & Public Safety
CIS Proposals, Joseph Roth
MOTIONS AND DETAIL**

SUSTAINABILITY

CF#21-1333

ISSUE: ZERO EMISSION GOALS / PORT OPERATIONS

CF# 21-1333 (KREKORIAN/MARTINEZ) – 11/10/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & TRADE, TRAVEL AND, TOURISM

COMMITTEES

• COUNCILMEMBERS' MOTION PROPOSES "THAT THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH SCAQMD AND THE PORT OF LONG BEACH TO DEVELOP AND AGREE ON AN MOU THAT FACILITATES ACHIEVING THE JOINT LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN (CAAP) GOALS WHILE EXCLUSIVELY UTILIZING ZE PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGY FOR TRUCKS AND CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT"...AND... "THAT THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT REPORT WITHIN 90 DAYS, AND ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS THEREAFTER, ON EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE ZE GOALS OF THE CAAP."

PROPOSED WNC ACTION: TO SUPPORT CF# 21-1333 TO HELP FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF ZE PORT GOALS.

➤ RATIONALE: THE WNC SHOULD ENCOURAGE EFFORTS TO DECARBONIZE PORT OPERATIONS AND IMPACTS.

CF#21-1333

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council SUPPORT CF# 21-1333 TO HELP FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF ZE PORT GOALS.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Jane #13

Pass 15 – 0 -1 (#9)

Yes Seat# 1,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Abstain #9

ISSUE: ABANDONED GAS & OIL WELLS / ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW & NOTIFICATION

CF# 21-1395 (CEDILLO) – 11/24/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER COMMITTEE

Councilmember’s motion proposes “that the Council instruct the Petroleum Administrator, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, Department of Building and Safety, Fire Department and Los Angeles County Public Health Department, to prepare and present a report with policy recommendations on how to integrate the document titled “Community Health, Safety and Notification Plan” prepared by the Department of Public Health into the City’s land-use, environmental review and permitting processes related to real estate development activities on sites with abandoned gas and oil wells.”

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1395 in ensuring appropriate environmental standards and outreach notification methods are maintained when abandoning gas and oil wells.

➤ Rationale: Proper environmental review standards and outreach practices should be applied when abandoning, removing or remediating gas and oil wells.

CF#21-1395

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21-1395 in ensuring appropriate environmental standards and outreach notification methods are maintained when abandoning gas and oil wells.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Jane #13

Pass: 16 - 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF#21-1397

ISSUE: HEAT EFFECT / UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES

CF# 21-1397 (RODRIGUEZ) – 11/24/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Councilmember’s motion proposes instructing “the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Street Services, Department of Water and Power, in coordination with the City Attorney, to create a digital map of City, County, and Metro projects constructed or managed in the last three years and planned over the next two years in key infrastructure categories (including sidewalks, street lighting, urban canopy, and public broadband);” and all relevant departments “report back in one hundred twenty days on the impact that climate change-related heat impacts have on transportation-related infrastructure and technology and future feasibility and action plan on undergrounding utilities.”

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1397 in requesting Public Works analyze and report of potential heat impacts on public transit infrastructure and technology as well as the potential feasibility of undergrounding utilities.

➤ **Rationale: WNC should be concerned about heat island effects and impacts on public transit as well as desire undergrounding of utilities. A report analyzing those issues could be beneficial**

CF # 21-1397

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF # 21-1397 in requesting Public Works analyze and report of potential heat impacts on public transit infrastructure and technology as well as the potential feasibility of undergrounding utilities,

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Barbara #7

Pass: 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF# 21-1467

ISSUE: PASSIVE RECREATION AREAS FROM DWP

CF# 21-1467 (LEE) – 12/8/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEES

• Councilmember’s motion proposes the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks, be requested to report to City Council with a plan to identify and convert appropriate LADWP property into passive recreation and open space in compliance with” the Mayor’s Executive Directive #31: Achieving Park Equity.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1467 in ensuring a smoother process for identifying and converting DWP properties into passive recreation areas via a streamlined and cost-effective way.

➤ **Rationale: There are DWP facilities/properties throughout the Westside which – if closed – could be desired as open space.**

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CF#21-1467

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21 -1467 in ensuring a smoother process for identifying and converting DWP properties into passive recreation areas via a streamlined and cost-effective way.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Sean #9

Pass: 15 – 1 (#12) - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18

No Seat # 12

CF# 21-1463

ISSUE: BUILDING DECARBONIZATION / CEMO

CF# 21-1463 (KORETZ, KREKORIAN, RAMAN) – 12/8/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER COMMITTEE

Councilmembers' motion proposes to instruct the Los Angeles Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), the Department of Building and Safety and the Housing Department to work together and coordinate with other city agencies, stakeholders and community leaders to develop plans for decarbonizing buildings while minimizing negative impacts on vulnerable communities.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1463 in requiring the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and other city entities to conduct public engagement with affected communities when developing building decarbonization programs.

➤ **Rationale: Some well-meaning policies to combat climate change pollution have left low-income communities with higher energy bills and worse air quality due to a disparity in energy programs.**

CF# 21-1463

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21 -1463 in requiring the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and other city entities to conduct public engagement with affected communities when developing building decarbonization programs,

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Jane #13

Pass: 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Transportation

CF# 21-1342

**ISSUE: EV ELECTRICITY TAXING CONSISTENCY / INCENTIVES
CF# 21-1342 (KORETZ) – 11/12/2021
ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND
RIVER & BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Councilmember’s motion instructs/requests “the Office of Finance, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst and City Attorney as needed, to: (1) report on the feasibility of implementing an ordinance that would codify the sale of electricity by commercial EV charging companies” within a retail sales category of the City Municipal Code; and (2) report on the feasibility of creating an environmental/energy sustainability sub-category in the code that would provide for additional incentives, such as reduced business tax rates for EV charging companies operating in the City.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1342 in requesting reports on providing clarity and consistency in municipal taxes regarding electricity sales and incentives for local EV companies.

➤ Rationale: WNC should continue to encourage EV-specific policies to facilitate consumer usage.

CF#21-1342

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21-1342 in requesting reports in providing clarity and consistency in municipal taxes regarding electricity sales and incentives for local EV companies.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Shannon #14

Pass: 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF#21-1466

ISSUE: INCREASING PORT EFFICIENCY AND DECREASING PORT POLLUTION

**CF# 21-1466 (KREKORIAN/MARTINEZ/O'FARRELL) – 12/8/2021
TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Councilmembers' motion proposes to “direct the Port of Los Angeles to immediately develop and implement new protocols to mitigate the impacts of the backlog and reduce pollution at the Port,” including: (1) Facilitating greater operational efficiency by reducing turn times of ships and trucks and equipment use; (2) Promote on dock rail; (3) Vessel speed reduction; (4) Expedite the introduction of zero emissions equipment; (5) Collaborate with the Pacific Maritime Association,

Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, Maritime Exchange of Southern California, and member companies to support and refine the new queuing process for container vessels; (6) Collaborate with local trucking associations to improve unloading and movement to final destinations.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1466 in helping resolve Port backlog and pollution.

➤ Rationale: The WNC should encourage efficient and clean ways to solve the backlog at the Port.

CF#21-1466

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21-1466 in helping resolve Port backlog and pollution.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Kim #4

Pass: 15 - 0 - 1

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Abstain Seat # 9

Elections

CF#21-1472

ISSUE: INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION / BALLOT MEASURE

CF# 21-1472 (KREKORIAN/RORAMAN) – 12/8/2021

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmembers' motion proposes the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the City Attorney and other City departments, as needed, to report within 90 days with options for a ballot

measure for the November 2022 ballot to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City of Los Angeles

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1472 in advancing the process for the City to adopt an independent redistricting commission.

➤ Rationale: The WNC previously passed a resolution urging the City Council to take such action

CF#21-1472

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21-1472 in advancing the process for the City to adopt an independent redistricting commission.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Shannon

7 – 8 - 1

Yes Seats # 5,6,11,12,16,17,18

No Seats # 1,4,8,9,10,13,14,15

Abstain #7

CF#21-0002-S198

ISSUE: STATE BALLOT MEASURES / VOTER INFORMATION

CF# 21-0002-S198 (BONIN) – 12/8/2021

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

• Councilmember’s motion proposes that the City Council “includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 90 (Stern) and AB 1416 (Santiago), also known as the Ballot DISCLOSE ACT, which would add additional characters to list the supporters and opponents from the official arguments for and against each state ballot measure in the voter information guide to the ballot label.”

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-0002-S198 and the goal of greater transparency regarding the proponents and opponents of statewide ballot measures.

➤ Rationale: The WNC should support greater transparency in election information and processes.

CF#21-0002-S198

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21-0002-S198 and the goal of greater transparency regarding the proponents and opponents of Statewide ballot measures.

Moved: Joseph # 18

Second: Jane #13

Pass 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Public Safety

CF#21-1367

ISSUE: BROKEN SIDEWALKS / IMPROVED REPAIR PROCESS

CF# 21-1367 (CONTROLLER) – 11/17/2021

PUBLIC WORKS & PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEES

- **The report from the Controller urges “the City Council to adopt the following recommendations:
(1) Amend Los Angeles Municipal Code 62.104, which governs sidewalk repairs, to include new sidewalk inspection criteria that identifies significant defects in need of repair, instead of assessing entire parcels for compliance with accessibility standards; (2) Modify the prioritization system so that sidewalks other than those next to City facilities can also be considered for repair by the sidewalk repair program;**

(3) Exercise discretion so that more sidewalk repairs can move forward, while minimizing the need for extensive pre-construction processes;
(4) Expand StreetsLA's capacity to provide quicker short-term responses to sidewalk problems reported by the public; **(5) Implement long-term solutions to sidewalk repair in concert with the Willits-focused sidewalk repair program;** **(6) Invest in a citywide condition assessment of all sidewalks and curb ramps to identify locations that need urgent fixes and help the City meet its ADA obligations;** and
(7) Pursue additional funding opportunities to address the mounting backlog of sidewalk requests.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1367 in advancing a better sidewalk repair strategy.

➤ Rationale: The WNC should encourage an improved process for addressing broken sidewalks.

CF#21-1367

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support encouraging an improved process for addressing the broken Sidewalks in the City.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Kim #4

Pass 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seats # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF#21- 1386

ISSUE: CITY MEDIANS / SUSTAINABLE COMPONENTS
CF# 21-1386 (BLUMENFIELD) – 11/23/2021
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilmember's motion proposes "that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to report on the City's inventory of medians and median condition, the additional resources that would be needed to make necessary repairs and improvements to and to adequately maintain improved medians, and on the Bureau's plans and needed resources to design, install, and maintain improvements for unimproved medians throughout the City, incorporating environmentally sustainable components."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1386 in advancing a sustainable median strategy.

➤ Rationale: The WNC should encourage a process for advancing sustainable city medians.

CF#21-1386

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF# 21-1386 in advancing a sustainable median strategy.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Kim #4

Pass 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF#21-1469

**ISSUE: CITY MEDIANS / REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS
CF# 21-1469 (BLUMENFIELD/BONIN/RAMAN) – 12/8/2021
PUBLIC WORKS & PERSONNEL, AUDITS AND ANIMAL WELFARE
COMMITTEES**

Councilmember's motion proposes that (1) "the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, the Department of Transportation, the Department on Disability, and other relevant departments, to report back within 60 days with recommendations for improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs;"

(2) “the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering to report back within 60 days with a recommended scope and budget for a citywide sidewalk inventory and assessment;”
(3) “the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services to report back within 60 days with the budget and position authority needed to achieve parity in response times between pothole repair and sidewalk hazard mitigation; and” **(4) “the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to report back within days regarding the availability of funding from the federal infrastructure bill or other sources that could be applied to the City's sidewalk programs**

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1469 in advancing a better median repair strategy.

➤ Rationale: The WNC should encourage an improved process for addressing city medians.

CF#21-1469

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF#21-1469 in advancing a better median repair strategy.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Kim #4

Pass 16 -0- 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF#21-1377

**ISSUE: POSTING OF APPLICABLE ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS
CF# 21-1377 (DEPT OF ANIMAL SERVICES) – 11/22/2021**

PERSONNEL, AUDITS AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

• The report from the Department of Animal Services requests the Council instruct “the City Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1377 in advancing protection of animals and people.

➤ Rationale: The WNC should encourage safe pet practices and optimal animal treatment

CF#21-1377

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF#21-1377 in advancing the protection of animals and people.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Joann #17

Pass 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

CF#21-1294

ISSUE: ILLEGAL FIREWORKS / BUYBACK AND REWARDS PROGRAM

CF# 21-1294 (LAPD) – 11/03/2021

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

LAPD's report recaps a CD7 fireworks buyback pilot program in a partnership with the LAPD's

Mission Division and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

Incentives 'used for the buyback program consisting of retail gift cards ranging from five to 50 dollars.

The event proved to be successful netting 500 lbs.of fireworks during the four-hour event. Based on the program's success, it is recommended that the City expand the Fireworks Buyback/Rewards Program to other council districts covering the New Year's Eve and Fourth of July time periods."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1294 in formalizing this fireworks buyback program citywide to deter dangerous behavior that could harm people and the environment.

➤ Rationale: WNC should continue to encourage public safety and discourage illegal fireworks.

CF#21-1294

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF#21-1294 in formalizing the City's fireworks buyback program.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Jane #13

Pass 12- 0 - 4

Yes Seat # 5,6,8,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Abstain Seat # 1,4,7,9

CF#21-1276

ISSUE: OPERABLE GUNS & LIVE AMMUNITION / BAN FROM ENTERTAINMENT SETS

CF# 21-1276 (KORETZ) – 11/2/2021

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE

Councilmember's motion proposes that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance prohibiting operable firearms and live ammunition from the sets and locations of television and motion picture productions taking place within the City of Los Angeles.

Proposed WNC Action: To balance public concerns about safety with the entertainment industry's need to utilize appropriate props and special effects, either (1) SUPPORT CF# 21-1276 IF AMENDED to ban only live ammunition or (2) OPPOSE CF# 21-1276 UNLESS AMENDED to ban only live ammunition.

➤ Rationale: In November, the WNC previously approved supporting a similarly worded motion focused on the city's state legislative program IF it only applied to live ammunition, but still allowed guns.

This proposed CF now relates to drafting a citywide ordinance, so the WNC could take a consistent approach and/or suggest alternate wording to balance safety with entertainment industry creative needs. (November's WNC vote reflected the board's consensus discussion that the removal of live ammunition

(while still allowing the use of real guns as props) could achieve the same result of safer motion picture and television sets -- without undermining the needs of productions or the entertainment industry's contribution to the state's economy).

CF#21-1276

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support CF#21-1276 as it applies 'only' to live ammunition.

Moved: Joseph #18

Second: Jane #13

Pass 16 – 0 - 0

Yes Seat # 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18

Shafaq Abduhla, stakeholder, spoke about his pick up and delivery service business. It was noted that, and as Lorenzo confirmed the the Westside Neighborhood Council cannot act as an advocate for the business due to liability concerns, etc.; however, Shafaq, individually and as a business owner, was encouraged and is able to make introductions to area merchants and businesses.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jane Seat #13

Second: Joseph Seat #18

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm