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## HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2020

6:00pm

### Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88445221007>

Meeting ID: 884 4522 1007

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

**1. Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann**

**2. Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom**

**3. Approval of September 2020 Minutes**

**4. Housing Chair Election**

Candidates: Sara Steffan & Starr Scesniak

**5. Public Official Reports**

- a) CD4 –Field Deputy, Alice Roth, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
- b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
- c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Angie Aramayo
- d) 46th Assembly District, Stephanie Mkhlian, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
- e) 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
- f) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
- g) 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
- h) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- i) 26<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Allison Towle, Office of Senator Ben Allen
- j) 24<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Baydsar Thomasian, Office of Senator Maria Elena Durazo
- k) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver
- l) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
- m) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Joe Losorelli & Stephanie Smith
- n) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, Angela Babcock
- o) LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions
- p) LAFD – Chief Hogan
- q) LADWP
- r) LADOT

**6. President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**

- a) 2021 NC Election Update from Lanee Basulto, Election Administrator
- b) Hollywood Walk of Fame Master Plan Update Daniel Halden, Director, Heart of Hollywood-CD13 with Q&A (10-15 min)
- c) 2021-22 Election - please add “Discuss and confirm Appointment of Election Ad Hoc Committee & Chair”
- d) Next meeting date is November 18, 2020. (No HHWNC Board meeting in December)

7. **First Vice-President's Report (Orrin Feldman)**

8. **Treasurer's Report (Matt Shichtman)**

- a) Board Member Reimbursements – None
- b) Approve September Monthly Expenditure Report

**Motion:** The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the September 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

9. **Second Vice President's Report (Jane Crockett)**

10. **Secretary's Report (Britta Engstrom)**

11. **Committee Reports**

- a) **Business (Oren Katz)**
  - i. Latest report from Budget Advocates Committee
- b) **Infrastructure (Danielle Mead) in conjunction with Treasurer Matt Shichtman, Public Safety Chair Paul Jenkins and Community & Youth Chair Jeremy Saunders**
  - i. Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee

The City of Los Angeles and DONE are encouraging neighborhood councils to address social justice issues. HHWNC should join other NCs who have established social equity and racial justice ad hoc committees to advise their board on these important issues.

**Motion:** HHWNC shall establish a Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee to advise the Board and committees on issues affecting underserved and under-represented communities within HHWNC, by outreaching to stakeholders, gathering stakeholder input and building coalitions with other NCs and organizations, for the period of October 22 through April 21.

- c) **Public Safety (Paul Jenkins)**
  - i. Upcoming Public Safety Meeting - RYLAN Reimagined on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

The ReadyYour Los Angeles Neighborhood is an emergency preparation program focused on neighbors helping each other during and after disasters. Knowing and checking on the well being of our neighbors is even more important during the current pandemic. The Los Angeles Emergency Management Department has developed a procedure to facilitate the program through online meetings. Jackie Tamayo of the EMD will provide training on how to create a RYLAN block during the pandemic.

The meeting is scheduled for October 28th at 6 pm.  
Would any board members like to co-chair this meeting?

- ii. Vehicle Exhaust Noise Letter to Council Members  
Support the NoHo Neighborhood Council in their motion to request an increase in fines associated with excessive vehicle exhaust noise (see attachments: Vehicle Sound Letter and Encino).

Excessive vehicle exhaust noise has increased since 2017, with many exhausts sounding like rapid fire from automatic weapons. LADP has received calls from Stakeholders believing the sounds are gunshots when the noise emanates from vehicles. Late-night street racing, burnouts, and donuts have increased throughout the entire HHWNC area and have adverse effects on the mental health, quiet enjoyment and rest of all of our stakeholders in the proximity to major streets. These streets include Mulholland Drive, Hollywood Blvd., Sunset Blvd., La Brea, Cahuenga, and Highland, among many others.

HHWNC strongly supports the need to end this unnecessary, very disruptive sound pollution.

**22Motion:** The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell request that the City Attorney and other City Departments investigate increasing fines for excessive noise from vehicle exhausts and formally introduce a motion so City Council may vote to implement the increase in fines, including a tier of increased fines for repeat offenders.

12. **Public Comments** – Comments from the public on agenda items and non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

13. **Adjournment**



September 3, 2020

RE: Excessive vehicle exhaust noise

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

At the Encino Neighborhood Council's August 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 General Board meeting, under quorum, the following motion was discussed and voted on.

**Description:**

In August of 2017, the ENC supported the NoHo Neighborhood Council in their motion to request an increase in fines associated with excessive vehicle exhaust noise. Since receiving our letter of support no action has been taken by City Council to increase these fines. Excessive vehicle exhaust noise has increased since 2017 with many exhausts sounding like rapid fire from automatic weapons. LADP has received calls from Stakeholders believing the sounds are gunshots when the noise emanates from vehicles. Late night street racing has also increased throughout the entire City, including the Valley with evidence of burnouts on Ventura Blvd. in Encino.

**After discussion and comments the ENC voted on the following motion:**

**MOTION; EXE-20-08-0124:** The Encino Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Koretz request that the City Attorney and other City Departments investigate increasing fines for excessive noise from vehicle exhausts and formally introduce a motion so City Council may vote to implement the increase in fines, including a tier of increased fines for repeat offenders.

**The motion passed unanimously: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

Respectfully submitted,

*Alex Garay*

Alex Garay  
Encino Neighborhood Council  
President

Cc: Councilmember Koretz, Joan Pelico, Chris Givens, Jeffrey Ebenstein, Debbie Dyer Harris, Paul Storable

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Peter Haderlein  
David Malver  
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Todd Mouser  
Dima Overtchenko  
Allyson Sereboff  
Joanna Stein  
Cheryl Tenbush  
Russell Wolff

September 21, 2020

Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
Los Angeles City Council  
Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils  
NoHo Area Stakeholders

Re: Vehicle Exhaust Noise in NoHo, throughout the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California.

**THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT AND CAN NO LONGER BE IGNORED!**

The NoHo Neighborhood Council voted in favor to support this letter requesting that the City of Los Angeles take action on Vehicle Sound Enhancements.

Since our original letter in 2017 on this issue, little to none has been discussed by our leaders to curb the loud noise in our community from the sound of enhanced exhaust systems from vehicles. Some vehicle exhaust systems are even manipulated to copy the sound of rapid gunfire, which causes wasted LAPD time and money when mistaken for actual gunfire.

This issue is no longer tolerable to many of our stakeholders. There **MUST** be decisive action on this issue.

In an April 22, 2020, Los Angeles Times article, it was reported that since the year 2000, over 179 people were killed in street racing incidents in Los Angeles County. As stated in our letter in 2017, these despicable sounds often “act as a mating call for street racing.”

As a city, we are very careful to regulate the sounds coming from airplanes above, yet ignore the horrifying and dreadful sounds manipulated on the ground for the sole purpose of attracting and diverting attention. This diverted attention is disturbing the peace at unprecedented levels never before imagined.

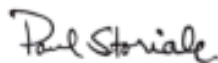
State and city governments have the power to regulate this. We ask that our city not only begin regulating Vehicle Exhaust Sound Enhancements, but also suggest that our city leaders request assistance from our state representatives to aggressively bring this excessive street noise to an end.

In addition, these sounds from our streets and side streets can have a negative psychological impact on the following:

- Those suffering from PTSD
- Children
- Seniors
- Pets

The NoHo Neighborhood Council also kindly requests the support of ALL neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles to send this issue to their public safety committee chair to write a letter urging their councilmember to immediately act on this dire issue.

Sincerely,  
Paul Storiato  
President



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