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HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2021

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88458543519>

Meeting ID: 884 5854 3519

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Minutes

1. **Call to order by First Vice President Orrin Feldman at 6:05pm**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom. Quorum established: 15 present.**
Absent: President Anastasia Mann, Area 9 Chair Richard Klug, Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer, Area 5 Chair Bob Mansell, Parks & Open Space Chair Jeffery Masino, Community & Youth Chair Jeremy Saunders.
3. **Approval of March 2021 Minutes.** First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin. The motion passed 14-0.
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD4 – Rachel Fox, Office of Councilwoman Nithya Raman spoke about tenant rights. She reminded stakeholders that the emergency rent assistant closes on the April 30th. Their Volunteer Corp partnered with PATH is working with landlords to get housing vouchers so people experiencing homelessness can get housing. They have about 50 landlords interested in the program. Rachel also spoke about the ridgeline protection ordinance that has been prepared and goes to protect more of the City's ridgelines (so any comments can go to the City Planner's office).

Rachel thanked Area 2 Chair, Chandan St Clare for her service.

Tabatha Yelos, gave an introduction. Tabatha is the CD4 field manager for Mid-Wilshire (Park La Brea, Miracle Mile) + Hollywood (Theater Row, Central Hollywood, Spaulding Square, Sunset Square, Hollywood Heights, Whitley Heights).
 - b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O'Farrell spoke about the safe parking spaces program and they are looking to accommodate more spaces. The Salvation Army shelter has opened as a year-round shelter. Sean stated that in over 2 years they've opened over 200 beds in Hollywood. He also mentioned that they have been operating a vaccine site and administered over

3,000 vaccines. This site will now transition to a mobile home van that can go to stakeholders homes (reach out to the CD13 office if you know of anyone who needs a vaccine).

Public Comment: Michael Konik & Annie

c) LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions

SLO Erik Helmsetter introduced himself. They have seen a huge spike in parties this week (part of it from the 4/20 date and the nice weather). He will be working the weekend and work closely with Brian White to address enforcement and warnings out there to curb the increase in parties. He spoke about the increase of vehicle burglaries around Runyan Canyon (many wallets have been stolen).

Officer Brian Oliver stated that there was a shooting at the hillside near Franklin/Highland and suspect escaped the perimeter. Crime trends have gone up significantly, largely because the parties in the Hollywood Hills. There has been an influx of violent crime and property theft and he reminded stakeholders to continue to lock their cars. The illegal hostel on Martel has continued to be a struggle so anyone that has information should come forward (ongoing problem at one location).

- d) LAFD – Chief Hogan stated that they are in the process of getting an alert wildfire camera on Mt. Lee. They are surveying additional areas and are being mindful of privacy issues. He reminded stakeholders to be mindful of current signage regarding fireworks/smoking/fires etc. and with a smaller budget there can't put up as many new signs. He is looking at the placement of new signs so please reach out to him if you have ideas for locations. Chief Hogan additionally stated that he would like to look at evacuation drills and RYLAN program in the future.
- e) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl reminded stakeholders that if they have any county related issues please reach out to their office. Erin provided policy updates and that the board voted to expand the number of charging stations county wide. We have 20,000 charging stations currently and the goal is to have 60,000 by 2025. The board also voted on the \$36.2 billion recommended budget (5% less than last year).

Public Comment: Eric Sydnor

- f) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom spoke about an upcoming event on May 4th focusing on "How to Get Appointed to a State Board or Commission". The event is at 5pm via Zoom.
- g) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, Angela Babcock stated the Bowl will be having shows starting next month May 15th, 22nd, (philharmonic shows) June 12th (Flying Lotus), and June 26th (Boss nova band). The Hollywood Bowl is at a 20% capacity about 4,000 audience members, they will all be first responders/frontline workers. The events are sponsored by Kaiser. Angela also spoke about the left turn lane near Lot B, is almost completed which is a result of the traffic study.

5. President's Report (Anastasia Mann) given by First Vice President Orrin Feldman

- a) HHWNC ELECTION - REMINDER - Installation of new Board: Weds July 21, 2021... First meeting of new Fiscal Year. Review of certified results. Update on Cornerstone required training, etc.

- b) Rules from City Attorney re participation of board-members “elect” who are not currently seated in board and committee meetings.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.1, "Any person elected to serve as a member of a legislative body who has not yet assumed the duties of office shall conform his or her conduct to the requirements of [the Brown Act] and shall be treated ... as if he or she has already assumed office."

This means that the Brown Act rules apply to all elected members who have not yet assumed their duties. Out of abundance of caution to avoid any inadvertent violations, newly elected members who have not yet assumed their duties should not speak to a Board or Committee. This includes speaking during public comment. These newly elected members may still attend the meetings as long as they do not participate and attend only as observers.

People can't make public comments at the end of the meeting on non-agendized items.

- c) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT/review - meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021.
- d) Communication disclosure re possible relocation or closing of Miceli's Italian Restaurant on Cahuenga West and inquiry re community interest in "food drive through restaurant" replacement. Brief report due to the extensive outreach done by owner's representative to board members & stakeholders. No motion will be allowed.
- e) Area 2 Chair Vacancy – Our congratulations to Chandan St Clare in her new career at the State Department in Washington, D.C.
- f) May HHWNC Meeting date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

- a) Report re: recent Planning Department announcements limiting public notice and participation in the processes by which proposed projects become approved/entitled. E.g. the trend from small lot subdivisions as "urban infill" several years ago through the pending Administrative Processes and Procedures Ordinance to the department director's recent decision to have planning department staff, rather than the Mulholland Design Review Board, decide non-visible cases in the mile wide Mulholland Corridor administratively.

Public Comment: Michael Konik & Sharon Carz

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

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

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the March 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, Area 8 Chair Serra Aladag 2nd. The motion passed 15-0.

- c) Amended 2020-2021 Budget

Motion: HHWNC Board approve the amended 2020-2021 budget as recommended by the Executive Committee.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, Secretary Britta Engstrom 2nd. The motion passed 15-0.

d) Important Funding Dates

- May 20, 2021 - Final date to submit an Event Approval Request
- June 1, 2021 - Final date to submit a check payment request
- June 20, 2021 - Final date for any bank card transactions

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

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

10. **Committee Reports**

a) **Public Safety (Paul Jenkins) & Community Outreach (Mihail "Kyle" Naumovski)**

- i. Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to: 1) Hollywood Police Support Association (contact: Brian Folb), which benefits LAPD's Hollywood Division, and 2) Police Activity League ("PAL"), which benefits LAPD's North Hollywood Division, with the intention of those entities using the funds to purchase and distribute gift cards of recommended denominations of \$20 or less to Angelinos showing immediate need. The gift cards would likely be obtained from local restaurants/retailers, such as Target, Starbucks, Subway, and McDonalds. The proposed grants would provide 300-600 gift cards, split evenly between LAPD Divisions serving HHWNC boundaries.

As a NPG, the funds would be non-restrictive to the recipients. Rather, HHWNC would express a desire how the funds might be used.

Some anticipated community benefits of the NPGs include:

1) Assisting homeless in immediate need, 2) a de-escalation tool, 3) an increased opportunity to promote LAPD's public service mandate, 4) involving local restaurants/retailers, 5) providing an opportunity to share social service contacts (on the envelope containing the card, such as DMH (LA County Department of Mental Health), LGBT Center, LA Family Housing, and MVA (Military & Veterans Affairs)), and 6) promoting HHWNC outreach to often-marginalized Stakeholders (HHWNC could be referenced on the card envelope).

Motion 1: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding \$3,000 to Hollywood Police Support Association, a 501(c)(3), affiliated with LAPD Hollywood Division as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant. The grant fund are intended to benefit Angelinos showing immediate need, at the sole and absolute discretion of recipient, or their assignee.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, Public Safety Chair Paul Jenkins 2nd.

Motion 2: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding \$3,000 to Police Activity League, a 501(c)(3), affiliated with LAPD North Hollywood Division as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant. The grant fund are intended to benefit Angelinos showing immediate need, at the sole and absolute discretion of recipient, or their assignee.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, Public Safety Chair Paul Jenkins 2nd.

Secretary Britta Engstrom made a motion to table the two motions and come back to the May HHWNC board meeting with different outreach organizations. 2nd Housing Chair Sara Steffan. The motion passed 9-3.

Public Comment: Eric Sydnor, Tamra B, Lane McFaddin, Valerie, Lisa Scott, Annie, Michael Konik, Margie, Alex Eldridge,

b) Outreach (Mihail “Kyle” Naumovski)

- i. HHWNC has placed on its April 2022 agenda two Neighborhood Purpose Grants. One is to Hollywood Police Support Association, and the other is to Police Activity League. The funds are expected to fund the purchase 300-600 gift cards. The cards would then be distributed to Angelinos showing immediate need.

It is proposed the cards would be held in a small envelope. The 4 x 2.7 inch envelopes are priced at \$6.99 per 100-count, and the envelopes are colored a mix of gold and silver. The estimated cost with tax and shipping is \$48 for 600 envelopes.

The envelopes would include information related to social services as well as an outreach message from HHWNC contained on an adhesive label. 4 x 2 inch adhesive labels for a printer have been priced at \$8.89 per 250 count (10 labels per page). The estimated cost with tax and shipping is \$30 for 750 labels (on 75 pages).

FedEx has quoted \$0.69 per page. The estimated cost for printing 75 pages of labels with tax is \$57.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$135.00 for HHWNC Outreach expenses.

The motion was tabled.

c) Area 3 (Brian Dyer)

- i. AB- 1400 Guaranteed Health For All

Full legislation can be found here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1400)

Motion: That the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council support Los Angeles City Council’s resolution CF-21-0002- S83 (Bonin) to support for AB 1400 (Kalra), which would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion on behalf of Area 4 Chair Noami Kobrin, Outreach Chair Kyle Naumovski 2nd. The motion passed 12-0.

Speakers: James Sarantinos, Cheng-Sim Lim

d) Infrastructure / Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee (Danielle Mead)

- i. The Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee requests renewal of the committee so it can continue its work.

Motion: HHWNC reauthorizes the Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee through November 2021.

Update: President Anastasia Mann has extended the Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee for 3 more additional month (to July).

- ii. Violence and hate crimes against the AAPI community have increased significantly over the past few years, especially due to anti-Asian rhetoric around the Covid-19 virus. Hate crimes against Asian Americans and other members of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Los Angeles rose 114% between 2019 and 2020 (L.A. Times).

Motion: HHWNC stands in solidarity with our AAPI stakeholders. We support protestors and anyone bringing attention to recent hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islander communities. We join their calls for justice for all victims of anti-AAPI violence and discrimination. Hate has no place in Hollywood Hills West or the City of Los Angeles.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion on behalf of Infrastructure Chair Danielle Mead, Treasurer Matt Shichthman 2nd. The motion passed 13-0.

Public Comment: Michael Konik

e) **Area 4 (Naomi Kobrin)**

- i. Skateboarding

Ordinance information can be found here: http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2012/12-0217_ord_182389.pdf

Motion: HHWNC request Council Office District 13 make a Motion directing the City Attorney to prepare a draft of ordinance 182389 prohibiting skateboarding on Orange Drive between Franklin and Hollywood Blvd.

President Orrin Feldman made the motion on behalf of Area Chair 4 Naomi Kobrin, 2nd by Area 9 Chair Richard Klug. The motion did not pass 4-8.

Public Comment: Lisa Scott, Tamra B, Michael Konik

- 11. **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.

-Tamra B

-Lisa Scott

- 12. **Adjournment at 9:11pm**

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: April 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso  for
Chief Legislative Analyst Council File No: 21-0002-S83
Assignment No: 21-04-0284

SUBJECT: Resolution to support AB 1400

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Bonin – Raman) to include in the City’s 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1400 (Kalra), which would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

SUMMARY

The Resolution (Bonin – Raman), introduced on March 24, 2021, notes that despite gains made with the Affordable Care Act, 2.7 million Californians remain uninsured while another 12 million, comprising one-third of Californians with medical insurance, cannot afford their insurance co-pays or deductibles so are underinsured, and 5.2 million Californians lack dental insurance.

AB 1400 (Kalra), known as CalCare, would provide every California resident freedom in their choice of providers and guarantee health care for free at the point of service for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical, and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; hearing, dental and vision care; and long-term care. The Resolution therefore requests that the City support AB 1400.

BACKGROUND

Existing federal law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), requires each state to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers. PPACA defines a “qualified health plan” as a plan that, among other requirements, provides an essential health benefits package. Existing state law creates the California Health Benefit Exchange, also known as Covered California, to facilitate the enrollment of qualified individuals and qualified small employers in qualified health plans as required under PPACA.

AB 1400 (Kalra), the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, introduced on February 19, 2021, would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state. CalCare would incorporate the health care benefits and standards of already-existing state and federal programs, including the federal Children’s Health

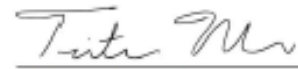
Insurance Program, Medi-Cal, ancillary health care or social services covered by regional centers for persons with developmental disabilities, Knox-Keene, and the federal Medicare program.

AB 1400 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association, which has stated that the COVID-19 pandemic underscored the need for a single-payer health care program that would provide equitable access to health care to all Californians. Single-payer healthcare is supported by a significant portion of public: 57 percent of percent of all Californians supported replacing private insurance with guaranteed coverage provided by the government. Two-thirds of bankruptcies in the United States are due to medical debt, an enormous figure that is in danger of growing due to the significant unemployment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. High health care costs prevent many Americans from seeking treatment or otherwise acting in the interest of their own health.

CalCare would ensure that all Californians, regardless of employment, income, immigration status, race, gender, or any other considerations, can get the health care they need, free at the point of service. CalCare also includes long-term services and supports for people with disabilities and the elderly, a health care cost control system, and ways to address health care disparities.

BILL STATUS

02/19/21 Introduced.



Tristan Noack
Analyst

SMT:tcjn
Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, AB 1400 (Kalra), introduced on February 19, 2021, would establish a single payer health care system called the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program (CalCare) to cover all Californians; and

WHEREAS, despite gains made with the Affordable Care Act, 2.7 million Californians remain uninsured while another 12 million, comprising one-third of Californians with medical insurance, cannot afford their insurance co-pays or deductibles so are underinsured, and 5.2 million Californians lack dental insurance; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic has exposed the instability and unsustainability of the current profit driven health system, with historic unemployment forcing many Californians to lose their employer sponsored health insurance at the same time hospitals have laid off thousands of doctors and nurses; and

WHEREAS, even after COVID, inadequate access to health care will increase preventable disease, erode trust in the medical establishment, and magnify trauma and mortality in the event of another public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, AB 1400 (CalCare) would enshrine health care as a human right by guaranteeing comprehensive, lifetime, high-quality care to all California residents, and establish a health care cost control system; and

WHEREAS, CalCare would provide every California resident freedom in their choice of providers and guarantee health care free at the point of service for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical, and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; hearing, dental and vision care; and long-term care; and

WHEREAS, CalCare would save millions in taxpayer dollars now spent on premiums and administrative bureaucracy that provide often inadequate coverage for government employees, and would ease the burden on municipal resources for handling the emergency needs of uninsured residents; and

WHEREAS, federal policy empowers states, as laboratories of democracy, to use Affordable Care Act innovation waivers to develop locally tailored approaches to health coverage, including by removing barriers to states that seek to implement universal single-payer approaches;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1400 (Kalra), which would create the California

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Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

PRESENTED BY:



MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY: 
