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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/09/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 07/08/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0063

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports the motion, with amendments, to report on the unused and/or underutilized city owned properties to be used as future homeless housing. The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports the city looking within to find resources to house the homeless and starting by creating a comprehensive list. The Board would like the City to act with a sense of urgency to resolve homelessness issues, especially in the West Valley. Specifically, we need more services and housing options for homeless west of the 405 freeway.



Community Impact Statement / 06-09-21

To: Los Angeles City Council and Committees
From: Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC)
Re: CF 21-0063 City-Owned Properties / Unused / Underutilized / Homeless Housing
Position: FOR-with Amendments

*The Board Approved this CIS, including amendments, on 06/09/21 by a vote of:
Aye (18) – Nay (1) – Abstain (0) – Ineligible (1)
Update to Previous Input: NO*

WHEREAS, the city of Los Angeles owns more than 470 sq. miles of land, which is primarily “utilized for libraries, parks, police stations, and fire stations.”

WHEREAS, by the Los Angeles City Council’s own admission, “The City” owns a “sizable amount of land [that is] unused or underutilized.”

WHEREAS, the waitlist for federal housing vouchers is over a decade long with many of those vouchers expire before they can be used due individuals NOT being able to find landlords willing to accept such vouchers.

WHEREAS, over 500K evictions in Los Angeles County between 2010-2018, contributed to the increase in individuals and families becoming homeless.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is third nationwide in terms of housing not being affordability, with housed individuals spending more than 30% of their monthly income on housing, which places them in jeopardy of becoming homeless were they to experience a strain in their monthly income from unforeseen familial events.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-0063 with the following conditions:

1. Any City-owned parcel adjacent to or located within any area identified by the LA Fire Department, County Fire Department or State conservancy organizations as “fire prone areas” or high fire prone areas be eliminated from all lists of consideration due to numerous past incidents attributed to having been originated in homeless encampments.
2. All City-owned parklands and recreation sites that are open to the general public be classified as “fully utilized” and not be classified as either “under-utilized” or “unused.”
3. All Public libraries in the City of Los Angeles and their attached parking areas not be classified as “unused” or “underutilized.”
4. The operations and systems of any or all City owned Fire Stations and Police Stations not be compromised, impacted or limited by any proposed homeless camps or shelters.
5. A “Sunset provision” be incorporated into any City-owned property designated for use for any locations designated as “Temporary Homeless Housing.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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