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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY/VIRTUALLY.

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, composed of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Comments by Public Officials**
4. **Chair's Report**
5. **Action Item That May Be Voted Upon for Transmission to the Board**
 - a. [CF 21-0899](#). Non-Serialized Unfinished Frames, Receivers, and Firearms / Ghost Guns / Prohibited Possession, Purchase, Sale, Receipt, and Transportation / Ordinance.

Draft Motion: Whereas the City of Los Angeles has decried the proliferation and malfeasant use of unregistered firearms, also known as ghost guns, that can be acquired outside the confines of the law, whereas the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) recently stated that ghost guns account for one-third of all weapons recovered by LAPD, and whereas the City of Los Angeles in February 2021 filed a lawsuit against one such ghost gun parts manufacturer, and whereas two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies in August 2021 also sued an alleged "untraceable home-assembled gun-kit" manufacturer/seller after the deputies were badly wounded in an ambush shooting carried out using a ghost gun, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) hereby SUPPORTS Los Angeles City Council File 21-0899 seeking an ordinance to prohibit the possession, purchase, sale, receipt, and transportation of non-serialized, unfinished frames, and unfinished receivers, and non-serialized firearms with the City of Los Angeles.

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- b. [CF 21-0878](#). COVID- 19 / Vaccination Requirement / Eligible Individuals / Indoor Spaces / Vax Up LA.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC), conscious of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ethics of mandatory COVID-19 vaccination to enjoy certain societal privileges, hereby SUPPORTS Los Angeles City Council's efforts to require vaccination, amongst eligible individuals, at specific indoor spaces deemed as high risk for viral transmission. To be clear, this motion pertains to vaccination requirements to engage in certain social events that differ from the "essential services" class of activities, which we do not discuss today.

Mandatory vaccination campaigns, such as those developed for smallpox or polio in past public health crises, largely rest on the bioethical argument of preventing harm to others and mitigating risks in that regard. Insofar as a vaccine is proven safe and effective and the level of mandate remains proportionate and appropriate, as the United States Supreme Court opined in *Jacobson v Massachusetts* (1905), "the rights of the individual in respect of his liberty may at times, under the pressure of great dangers, be subjected to such restraint, to be enforced by reasonable regulations, as the safety of the general public may

demand,” a decision affirmed in similar vaccination disputes that have arisen since.

Whereas public health officials have identified the highest risk of contraction at indoor locations including, but not limited to, restaurants/bars, certain retail establishments, fitness centers, spas, movie theatres, and entertainment venues such as arenas and stadiums, which for the purposes of today’s discussion does not include “essential services” activities, and vaccination remains one of our most promising methods of conquering this crisis, SONC supports the imposition of such a requirement for these specified locations.

6. Discussion Items Subject to Motions, But Not Final Disposition

a. [LA City Redistricting Process](#) CF 20-0668.

b. [Van Nuys Airport Master Plan](#).

(Jurisdiction): As discussed during the Government Affairs Committee’s July 27, 2021 meeting, the subject of the Van Nuys Airport Master Plan would be included as an action item on the Government Affairs Committee’s August agenda if the Traffic & Transportation Committee did not discuss the item at its August meeting. Because the Traffic & Transportation Committee did not discuss the item in August, it appears as item 5.a on this agenda.

Possible motion and vote.

c. Committee membership.

7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction

8. Closing Remarks by Committee Members

9. Adjournment

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation.

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