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- **Committee Members** -
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Government Relations Committee MINUTES
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - 6:30 PM
Erwin Street Elementary School
13400 Erwin Street
Valley Glen, CA 91401

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call - **Meeting called to order 6:35 p.m. S.Myrick joined at 6:45 p.m.**
2. Approval of Minutes for July 29, 2014 - **Motion to approve by J.Price, second by R.Pisani - approved by unanimous vote**
3. General Public Comments on non agenda items (see rules above) - **none**
4. Committee Member Comments on non agenda items - **J.D'Antonio suggested future agendas be copied into body of email. V.Viereck indicated he will miss October committee meeting.**
5. Discussion regarding 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan/Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund for Residential Properties **Motion by J.Price, second by R.Pisani - approved by unanimous vote:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposal for a 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan/Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund Proposal for Residential Properties with several stipulations: 1.That this not be a mandatory requirement for the property owner to repair/replace the sidewalk if damage is caused by City trees. 2. That it is not a requirement to use City Crews to do the work as long as the property owner uses a City approved private contractor. 3. When tree roots are the cause of the sidewalk damage, that every effort is made to save the tree when cutting the offending roots and that if the tree cannot be saved, if it is on City property such as the parkway, that it be replaced by the City as soon as feasible. 4. That the City establishes a no-interest revolving loan program (Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund) from which property owners can borrow to make necessary sidewalk repairs. 5. That the burden of repair not be placed on the property seller or buyer at the point of sale unless to satisfy a loan from the Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund. (Council File #14-0163-S3, 14-0420-S1) **Community Impact Statement:** Public safety is the number one issue regarding the state of disrepair of our sidewalks and the consequential liability. Since most of the sidewalk damage is due to City trees, it is unfair for the burden of repair to be on the property owner. After decades of inaction, it is imperative that the City develop a comprehensive repair program that includes, but is not limited to, a voluntary 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Plan for residential property owners and a Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund allowing property owners to take out no-interest loans from the Fund for their 50% share of the Sidewalk Repair Plan. (Council File #14-0163-S3, 14-0420-S1)
6. Discussion regarding proposed Resolution by City Council for its 2013/2014 State Legislative Program (Council File #14-0002-S90). **Motion by J.Price, second by S.Myrick - motion carries with 4 ayes, J.DAntonio abstained:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposed Resolution by City Council for its 2013/2014 State Legislative Program. Resolution: **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Proposition 1 (the Water Bond) on the November 4, 2014 statewide general election ballot which seeks to provide funding in the amount of \$7.55 billion to support water quality, water supply and infrastructure projects consistent with the City’s local water sustainability objectives. (Council File#14-0002-S90) **Community Impact Statement:** Water quality, supply and infrastructure are critical to each

and every one of us statewide. In addition to watershed protection and restoration projects; groundwater remediation/clean-up projects; water recycling, treatment, storage and water conveyance projects; clean, safe and reliable drinking water; water conservation and water-use efficiency projects, including stormwater capture/management projects; Prop 1 will assist the City in harnessing local water resource opportunities in order to reduce the City's reliance on imported water and thereby ensure the environmental health and economic well-being of the City and region. (Council File#14-0002-S90)

7. Discussion regarding Motion (Council File #14-0435) dated April 8, 2014 by Mitch Englander regarding the forfeiture of the pension of any member of the City's three pension systems who is convicted of a felony involving the use of their City employment position. **Motion by R.Pisani, second by V.Viereck - approved by unanimous vote:** The Greater Valley Glen Council does not support the proposed Motion for a City employee who is convicted of a felon to forfeit their entire pension which would include that which was earned before or after the felony was committed. Rather, we support a Motion that is like State law requiring public employees convicted of a felony to give up retirement benefits accrued during the period when their crimes were committed. It would be unfair to the family of the City employee/convicted felon if forfeiture included pension(s) not accrued during the period of the crimes. (Council File #14-0435)
8. Possible update on: DWP Oversight & Advocacy Committees (Joanne D'Antonio) - **to be given at GVGC board meeting -- VANC (Vic Viereck) - no report**
9. Discussion regarding next meeting agenda items: **Rep from Food & Water Watch; DWP water recycling purification plan/RWAG consensus statement**
10. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by S.Myrick, second by V.Viereck.**

The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014