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**Government Relations Committee MINUTES January 25, 2016 6:30 p.m.**  
Kittridge Elementary School Auditorium 13619 Kittridge St. Valley Glen, CA 91401

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. Quorum achieved with J.Price, J D'Antonio, Walter Hall and Vic Vierick present as well as Stakeholders John and Amanda Williams and Stakeholder/GVGC Board member Kathleen Schwartz
2. Minutes for Dec. 14, 2015. Motion to approve W. Hall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by V. Viereck – no corrections, approved unanimously
3. Public Comments on non-agenda items: Amanda Williams, John Williams spoke against 45' cell tower at Victory Plaza behind Vallerta that should have been put in the parking lot and inquired about the approval process.
4. Committee Member Comments on non-agenda items – J. D'Antonio brought up the issue of the lack of enforcement of the leaf blower ban and suggested that the ACE program might include these violations. W. Hall brought up the issue of mega-sized apartment developments (Chair indicated this is a topic for Planning and Land Use Committee)
5. Discussion regarding City Council Motion on Serving and Housing LA's Homeless and Report from City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst dated 01/13/2016 (**CF 15-1138-S1**) Note: GVGC previously-addressed emergency shelter for the homeless in CF 15-1138. Sloan Myrick arrived 6:55 p.m. J. Price moved and W. Hall seconded to submit to Board. Motion passed with 3 votes (J. D'Antonio and V. Viereck abstained)  
MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Homelessness and Poverty Committee's proposal to develop a strategic plan for homelessness to include incorporating cost-effective housing strategies, expanded outreach and services, and better coordination with the County and other partners; authorizing the Controller to create a new account in the Unappropriated Balance (UB) entitled Serving and Housing LA's Homeless; and the one time investment of up to, but not to exceed, \$100 Million of city-accessible funds. (CF 15-1138-S1)  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Homelessness and Poverty Committee's proposal to develop a strategic plan for homelessness to include incorporating cost-effective housing strategies, expanded outreach and services, and better coordination with the County and other partners; authorizing the Controller to create a new account in the Unappropriated Balance (UB) entitled Serving and Housing LA's Homeless; and the one time investment of up to, but not to exceed, \$100 Million of city-accessible funds. (CF 15-1138-S1)
6. Discussion regarding City Council Motion that the City establish a guiding principle that services, facilities and housing be provided throughout the City and the County and to formally reverse the policy of containment that has led to over-concentrations of homeless services in certain parts of the City and the County. (CF 16-0046). W. Hall moved and S. Myrick seconded to submit to Board. Motion passed unanimously.  
MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Motion that the City establish a guiding principle that services, facilities and housing be provided throughout the City and the County and to formally reverse the policy of containment that has led to over-concentrations of homeless services in certain parts of the City and County. (CF 16-0046).  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: Homelessness has grown by 12% over the last two years throughout the City but services are not available city or countywide. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports that the City establish a guiding principle that services, facilities and housing be provided throughout the City and the County and to formally reverse the policy of containment that has led to over-concentrations of homeless services in certain parts of the City and County.(CF 16-0046)
7. Discussion regarding City Council Motion that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report on steps necessary to place a measure on the next opportunity during a General or City election ballot to raise new revenue needed to address homelessness. (**CF 16-0047**) J. Price moved and S. Myrick seconded to submit to Board. Motion passed with one no vote from J. D'Antonio.  
MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Motion to place a measure on the next General or City election ballot to raise new revenue needed to address homelessness. (CF 16-0047).  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: With homelessness growing in the City and County, permanent funding sources are critical to providing permanent housing, homelessness diversion programs, and supportive services; to that end, the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Motion to place a measure on the next General or City election ballot to raise new revenue needed to address homelessness. (CF 16-0047).
8. Discussion regarding City Attorney report R15-0323, dated December 17, 2015, relative to a draft ordinance adding section to the Administrative Code to enable a City Board or Commission to give enhanced consideration to a Neighborhood Council's position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission (**CF 15-0389**) Note: GVGC previously filed CIS on related CF-15-0524. J. D'Antonio moved and S. Myrick seconded to submit to Board. Motion passed unanimously.  
MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the City Attorney Report R15-0323, dated December 17, 2015, relative to a draft ordinance adding section to the Administrative Code to enable a City Board or Commission to give enhanced consideration to a Neighborhood Council's position on an item pending before a City Board or Commission (CF 15-0389) Note: GVGC supported related CF 15-0524.  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: The Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee made a list of recommendations, dated August 21, 2015, with Item 4 recommending that Neighborhood Councils have separate time at any City Council or Council committee meeting. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposed ordinance to set aside separate time at any City Board or Commission meeting for NCs to provide feedback on a pending item. (CF 15-0389).
9. Discussion regarding Resolution that the City includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program sponsorship of legislation and administrative action which would accomplish increased public disclosure requirements for oil and gas storage facilities, etc. (**15-0002-S117**) J. D'Antonio moved, W. Miller second, motion passed unanimously  
MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposed Resolution to be included in the 2015-2016 State Legislative Program that calls for: a) Increase the public disclosure requirements for oil and gas storage facilities; b) Establish a moratorium for new gas wells and gas storage wells until all existing wells are brought up to current standards; c) Require immediate disclosure of leaks to the local community and government representatives; d) Require new/best available technologies to be incorporated for monitoring and preventing future leaks; e) Require yearly update of safety and prevention plans; f) Require equipment necessary to enact the emergency plan to be located on site; g) Create a permanent moratorium on remediation costs being passed onto ratepayers or taxpayers; h) Create a mechanism for calculating the environmental damage so that the true cost will be borne by the polluter and not the ratepayer/taxpayer. (CF 0002-S117)  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: It has become increasingly obvious that the status quo is not sufficient to protect the public health and ensure the safety of our community, and sweeping regulatory reform legislation is needed. The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Resolution to be included in the 2015-2016 State Legislative Program that calls for more oversight of oil and gas storage facilities. (CF 0002-S117).
10. DWP report J. D'Antonio: Ratepayer Advocate at January DWP Advocacy Meeting explained difference between the pass-through fluctuation of rates based on cost charged by suppliers and the upcoming DWP rate increase.
11. NC Sustainability Alliance Report J. D'Antonio had no new information to report.
12. VANC Report V. Viereck reported that at the January meeting the speaker was the CFO of the DWP. The VANC mixer is in March.
13. Future agenda items: Discussion to have Neighborhood Prosecutor come to our meeting to explain the ACE program.
14. J. Price moved and W. Hall seconded motion to adjourn regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:33.

*Special Meeting followed this meeting. Next regular meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on Monday, February 22, 2016 - Kittridge Elementary School*

## Government Relations Committee Special Meeting MINUTES January 25, 2016 7:30 p.m.

1. J.Price called the meeting to order at 7:33. All Committee members present. Stakeholders John and Amanda Williams present.
2. Public Comment from Stakeholder J. Williams: red curbing needed at Whittsett and Kittridge, and a traffic signal at Coldwater and Kittridge
3. J. D'Antonio offered follow-ups on issues at prior meeting: Sahag Yedalian in CD 2 office reports humps on Erwin only were painted (previously installed). Also he reported an issue with our CIS on restricted parking. J. Price to confer with him as we were following DOT recommendation.
4. Discussion regarding DWP Resolution Including Proposed Water Rate Ordinance (CF 15-1543) J. D'Antonio moved and J. Price seconded to submit to Board. Motion passed with one no vote from V. Viereck

MOTION FOR BOARD ACTION: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the proposed DWP Resolution NO. 016 130 and Water Rate Ordinance that seeks to accelerate its efforts to prudently replace its aging infrastructure to avoid costly and disruptive water main breaks; and to work toward increased water sustainability by reducing the City's dependence upon imported Metropolitan District Water resources and by increasing local groundwater cleanup, stormwater capture, recycled water usage, and water conservation; and the adoption of a new water rate ordinance which would be effective April 1, 2016; to increase water conservation by Single-Dwelling Unit Residential customers by moving from two to four cost-based tiers in which lower levels of consumption are priced at lower rates. (CF 15-1543)

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: With the rapidly aging water infrastructure in the City of Los Angeles, it is important for the LADWP to accelerate its efforts to replace its aging infrastructure to avoid costly and disruptive water main reaks; therefore, the Greater Valley Glen Council supports the DWP Resolution NO. 016 130 and Water Rate Ordinance. (CF 15-1543).

5. Discussion regarding Councilmember Felipe Fuentes motion (1/22/16) calling for a 2016 ballot measure to reform and restructure the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Council File # unknown) J.Price moved and V. Viereck seconded motion to table. Motion passed unanimously.

6. W. Hall moved and V.Viereck seconded motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m

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