

**AGENDA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE  
MEETING  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022  
6:00PM**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING\***

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

The West Hollywood Social Justice Task Force acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.

**\*IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), AB 361 HAS AUTHORIZED PUBLIC MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE VIA TELECONFERENCE BECAUSE STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**TELECONFERENCE AUDIO MEETING & PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT BY TELEPHONE OR VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM:**

You are strongly encouraged to email Jasmine Duckworth at [jduckworth@weho.org](mailto:jduckworth@weho.org) no later than Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to be added to the Public Speaker List for the meeting. Please include your name, the phone number from which you will be calling if applicable, and which item you would like to speak on.

Your comments and information will become part of the official public record. If you do not want your personal information included in the official record, please do not include your address and/or phone number.

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- Meeting ID: 859 4164 1823  
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To provide public comment via telephone, please call in and remember to place your phone on mute:

- Dial-in phone number: 1 (669) 900-6833
- Meeting ID: 859 4164 1823 and enter the passcode.  
Passcode: 436827 and then press #
- Dial-in 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*RECOMMENDATION: The Social Justice Task Force will approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, regular meeting.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public is given the opportunity to address the Social Justice Task Force on any item within its responsibility. At the discretion of the Social Justice Task Force, speakers may be limited to two minutes each.

**6. FINALIZE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

*RECOMMENDATION: Review and finalize recommendations from the Economic/Community Development and Contracting & RFP Subcommittee, Housing & Homelessness and Social Services Subcommittee, and Public Safety Subcommittee.*

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

This time is set aside for City staff to provide information to the Social Justice Task Force on items of interest to the Task Force.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

This time is set aside for the public to address the Task Force on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Task Force that could not be heard under the Public Comment Item at the beginning of the meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Social Justice Task Force will adjourn to its next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., which will be held via teleconference.

Notice: Written materials distributed to the Social Justice Task Force within 72 hours of this meeting are available online at [www.weho.org](http://www.weho.org)

**ITEM 4**  
**ATTACHMENT**

**MINUTES  
SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETING  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**PLUMMER PARK – ROOMS 5 & 6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Task Force Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** read by Chair Wilson.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice-Chair Zamilpa led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Zamilpa, Task Force Member Aviles, Task Force Member Morton, Task Force Member Desai, and Task Force Member Washington

**ABSENT:** Task Force Member Demuir, Task Force Member Seperak, and Task Force Member Wilson-Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Community Services Director, Yvonne Quarker  
Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, Andi Lovano

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Approval of the July 19, 2022 Special Meeting and Community Listening Session Minutes

**ACTION:** Approved the Minutes of July 19, 2022, motion by Vice-Chair Zamilpa, seconded by Chair Wilson, and approved.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The public is given the opportunity to address the Social Justice Task Force on any item within its responsibility. At the discretion of the Social Justice Task Force, speakers may be limited to two minutes each.

None.

## **7. DEBRIEF OF JUNE AND JULY COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS**

The Social Justice Task Force debriefed about the feedback received during the June 28, 2022, and July 19, 2022, community listening sessions. Each subcommittee reviewed their set of recommendations and discussed the input received at the virtual and in-person listening sessions.

The Task Force agreed that subcommittees will continue to fine-tune their recommendations and be prepared to finalize by their August meeting.

## **8. ITEMS FROM TASK FORCE MEMBERS/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

There was consensus from the Task Force to continue the remainder of their meetings virtually.

**ACTION:** Hold remainder of Social Justice Task Force meetings virtually, via teleconference, motion by Task Force Member Morton, seconded by Vice-Chair Zamilpa, and approved.

## **9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**This time is set aside for City staff to provide information to the Social Justice Task Force on items of interest to the Task Force.**

Social Justice Task Force liaison, Jasmine Duckworth, reminded the Task Force that she would reach out to schedule subcommittee meetings and encouraged the Task Force members to forward examples of organizations and agencies, both in and out of West Hollywood, so they can be represented in the Task Force's final report to City Council.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

This time is set aside for City staff to provide information to the Social Justice Task Force on items of interest to the Task Force.

None.

## **11. The Social Justice Task Force adjourned at 8:05 PM to its special meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM, which will be held via teleconference.**

**ITEM 6**  
**ATTACHMENTS**

SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE  
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

***Economic/Community Development and Contracting and RFP***

Recommendation 1:

Amend the annual business registration form to include five optional fields:

- 1). BIPOC Ownership (>50%): Yes or No
- 2). Affiliated Race/Ethnicity: Standard Dropdown
- 3). Total # of Employees:
- 4). # of BIPOC Employees:
- 5). # of BIPOC Managers & Above:

Recommendation 2:

Dedicated City webpage that provides step by step business guide for opening a business in West Hollywood. (This would include all forms that must be submitted as well as tutorials and/or links to people who can help steward the potential entrepreneur through the process. Ideally, there is a small playbook that accompanies the site along with a progress marker.)

Recommendation 3:

Develop and coordinate a business incubator program marketed primarily to BIPOC entrepreneurs. Through a potential public-private sponsorship and with the support of the Business License commission, there would be a series of workshops dedicated to enhancing a variety of organizational capabilities.

(Examples include: Los Angeles Urban League, LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Latino Coalition of Los Angeles, National Black Chamber of Commerce, UCLA Anderson School of Management, Deloitte, and Accenture.)

Recommendation 4:

Implement a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise certification that highlights businesses that have received official DBE/MBE certifications at the state/federal level as well as those who have received certifications from the City of Los Angeles and any other approved programs.

Recommendation 5:

Require all RFPs distributed by the City of West Hollywood to have a minimum of 20% responses in the pool of applicants from businesses with a majority BIPOC-ownership stake. (This will require the City to take a deeper dive into how they distribute RFP's.)

***Public Safety Subcommittee***

Recommendation 1:

Expand legal services and resources to provide expungement or reduced offenses for non-violent cannabis related crimes. Ensure coordination, learning, communication, and/or partnership with entities engaging in this work to maximize success of this effort.

Recommendation 1a:

Examine options to support reparations to offset the racial disparity in cannabis related arrests due to the impacts inflicted on communities of color caused by racist policies and practices. Any

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recommendation should not further exacerbate disparate economic impact on BIPOC community members.

Use portion of City's cannabis tax revenue on restorative justice and cannabis equity programs to address the racial disparities and disproportionate effects of cannabis possession arrests on communities of color. Portion of funds will be used to support legal services and resources to provide expungement or reduced offenses for non-violent cannabis related crimes.

### Recommendation 2:

Decriminalize sex work and expand legal services and resources to provide expungement or reduced offenses for non-violent sex-work related crimes.

Identify organizations like SWOPLA to assist with outreach and engagement and encourage City to expand its list of contracted service agencies.

### Recommendation 3:

Continue to examine and investigate the City of West Hollywood's contract with the LA County Sheriff's Department to ensure that funds are being used efficiently and prudently, and engage in conversation with other contract cities and the California Contract Cities Association to discuss priorities and contract specifics.

- With regards to current examination and recommendations by City of WeHo:
  - Endorse ongoing analysis of the LASD contract to ensure resources expended are producing commensurate levels of crime prevention and resolution [see PPT]
  - Endorse data analysis by CPE and recommend ensuring data gathering involves disaggregation analysis as well as analysis involving intersectionality
  - Endorse expanded presence of Block by Block
- Additional considerations we recommend include but are not limited to
  - Renegotiating contract terms to ensure City has final authority in places of disagreement
  - Establishing a set of guidelines and strict expectations that the sheriff's department must adhere to as part of a progressive, safe and just city, which may include denouncement of membership, support or tolerance of hate groups and removal of deputies known to be affiliated with hate groups; and/or inclusion of requirements for training, reporting, and investigation of issues relevant to ensuring fair and equitable treatment of BIPOC community members

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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**Housing & Homelessness and Social Services Subcommittee**

Recommendation 1:

Allocate funds to provide interim/temporary shelter for members experiencing homelessness in West Hollywood. (Although the City is currently exploring the possibility of securing Project Homekey Funding to purchase the Holloway Hotel which will serve as interim housing for members experiencing homelessness in West Hollywood, there is an immediate need to provide housing and services. Funds should be earmarked in the event the City is not able to secure state funding resources.)

Recommendation 2:

Designate a safe place in the West Hollywood where people can receive wrap-around services such as lockers/storage space, showers, and bus passes. Wrap-around services will include essential resources on diversion strategies to connect people to housing and services.

Recommendation 3:

Allocate funds to prioritize hiring of diverse staff to support the West Hollywood Five-Year Plan to address homelessness in West Hollywood.