



WHHO Newsletter

September 23, 2026

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization
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Wednesday Night:

{Date 9/23/26}

**BEFORE YOU VOTE —
YOU NEED TO BE HERE**

CANDIDATE FORUM — CD3

**TIM GASPAR
and
BARRI WORTH GIRVAN**

***Come with your questions and
suggestions!***

WHHO General Meeting

**Wednesday, September 23, 2026
7:30 PM- 9:00 PM on Zoom**

**Webinar Virtual Meeting – Register to attend
by going to www.whho.com**

Come to our meeting to hear from the candidates directly. Bring your questions and your opinions about what is important to our community.



TIM GASPAR and BARRI WORTH GIRVAN

Tim has confirmed and Barri has been formally invited but has not yet confirmed.

This IS an important political campaign. This election will shape Woodland Hills for years to come — from how our neighborhoods develop to the quality of life we all share here. The decisions made by whoever wins this seat won't just affect this term; they'll set the direction for our community's future.

It is important that you come with your questions and your most importantly your opinions about our neighborhood and what is best for our future.

One of these two candidates will be our next City Councilmember. When you know that the base salary is \$245,255 per year, with maximum

THE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

WHHO invites you to meet the two candidates running to represent us as our next City Councilmember for CD3.

total compensation reaching up to \$270,389. This is a major expenditure for our community, and we better get our monies worth. Your input will help us all make a very important decision for all of us.

THE INVITE – WHAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

[EDITOR’S NOTE] Here is what you need to know about tonight’s meeting and the invite to the Candidates. First, WHHO does not endorse any candidates. We feel strongly that our primary purpose is to promote the common good and general welfare of the community and to focus on the development projects.

That said we are disappointed that Barri has indicated that she will not appear. Her campaign office sent us the following email in response to our invitation (and remember she did appear at our previous Primary Candidates Forum):

From Barri’s Campaign office: “I’m reaching out on behalf of Barri’s campaign. Thank you for extending an invitation to the upcoming WHHO candidate forum. We have multiple campaign and fundraising events planned throughout September and October, which is a very crucial time for candidates, as you know. Unfortunately, Barri is unable to participate in another WHHO forum this fall. Best of luck and thank you, again!

WHHO again reached out to her directly and through her campaign with the following offer:

“Hi Barri. Hope you are doing well with your campaign. The WHHO wants to remind you that you are invited to a Candidate Forum on 9/23/26 (W)e hope you will reconsider....“If there is another date or time that would be better for you, please let us know. We are happy to accommodate if possible. We

look forward to hearing from you and hopefully with either a conformation that you will attend or a suggestion of alternate dates or times. Please let us know so we can get the information out to the public.”

Cricket.....

The WHHO is disappointed that she feels we are apparently not that important to her campaign.

Nevertheless, since this meeting is recorded that she may listen to the true concerns of our community. Let’s only hope but also, let’s have a great meeting with serious exchanges of ideas, concerns and suggestions.

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WHAT HAPPED AT THE GOLF COURSE?



A Victory for Our Community!

We're thrilled to share wonderful news: the City Planning Department has issued a decision that continues to protect our community. This outcome is a direct result of the dedication, persistence, and hard work of everyone who stood up and spoke out on our community's behalf.

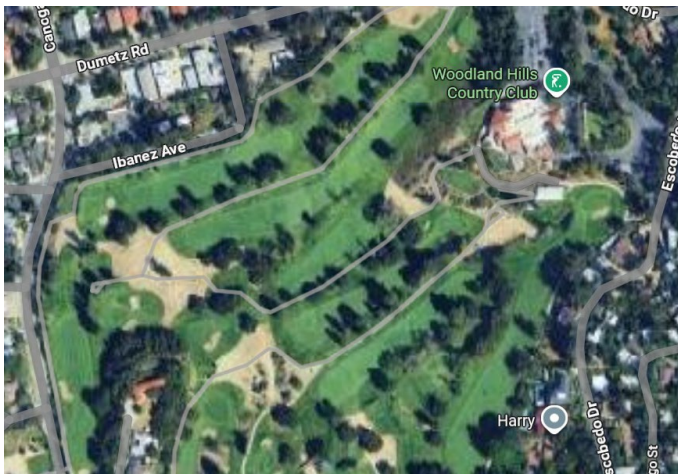
To every resident, advocate, and volunteer who attended meetings, wrote letters, made calls, or simply believed in this cause — thank you. This win belongs to all of you. It's a powerful reminder of

what we can accomplish when we come together with a shared purpose.

This is a moment to celebrate, but it's not the finish line. There will be more challenges ahead, so let's stay alert, stay engaged, and never give up on our community. Together, we've proven we can make a real difference — and we'll keep proving it.

NOW SOME DETAILS – WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

Woodland Hills: The Real Issue Isn't The Golf Course or The Mountain Lions



The recent news that the Woodland Hills Country Club project has been pushed onto a slower, conventional review track made headlines as a win for wildlife - mountain lion habitat, community pushback, a developer stalled. But framing this as a story about cougars on a fairway misses the point entirely. This fight goes beyond that involving a 100-year-old golf course, and mountain lions, as important as that issue is in its own right. **It's about whether the people who live in a community still get a say in what happens to it.**

Arrimus Capital, the developer, sought to use California's AB 2011, a state law designed to let certain housing projects bypass local discretionary review, public hearings, and environmental review entirely. Los Angeles Councilman Bob Blumenfeld described what that means in practice: normally a

neighborhood council reviews a project, then a planning commission weighs in, and only after multiple layers of public vetting does it reach the councilmember. Under the fast-track process, he told ABC7, "all of that is taken away." That's the heart of the matter. Not density. Not design. It's the removal of every checkpoint where residents historically had a voice.

The mountain lion issue deserves to be taken seriously on its own merits. The Santa Monica Mountains lion population is dangerously inbred and isolated by surrounding freeways, and researchers warn it could disappear within decades. Woodland Hills has already lost animals to this problem: in July 2022, a two-year-old mountain lion, P-89, was struck and killed on southbound shoulder of the 101 Freeway near DeSoto and Winnetka. That kind of loss is part of why the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, spanning the 101 a few miles away in Agoura Hills, is finally set to open on December 2, 2026, after a \$90-million-plus investment. A community that is watching this fight unfold has every reason to want a real say in what happens to adjacent habitat and how large building projects like this encroach on it.



The Wildfire Danger Is Just As Real.

Blumenfeld has noted the property sits in a Very High Fire Severity Zone, on a hillside, in a special grading area, and that a project of this scale "should be intensely vetted by community stakeholders." Adding hundreds of housing units to hillside terrain adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains raises serious questions about evacuation routes and fire-

suppression capacity -- exactly CEQA review and local hearings exist to surface before shovels ego in the ground.

State lawmakers, in their push to address the housing crisis, have increasingly stripped cities and counties of authority over exactly these judgment calls. Whatever one thinks about the housing shortage, that is a profound shift in who decides what's safe for a given piece of land. Increasingly, it isn't decided here, by people who understand the terrain and the wildlife corridor --- it's decided in Sacramento and handed down as a mandate we can't modify or meaningfully weigh in on.

This isn't a fight over a golf course, and it isn't only about mountain lions or fire risk, urgent as both are. It's a fight over who gets to decide what's best for our community - the people who live in it, or a state legislature many miles away.

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**5353 NORTH DEL MORENO DRIVE,
WOODLAND HILLS
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION'S
APPROVAL**



View of the existing SFR on Del Moreno Dr.

On August 27, 2026, the City Planning Commission approved construction of a three-story Elderly Residential Care Facility, not to exceed 46 feet in height, comprising 71 rooms, a café, and a physiotherapy center. The facility is authorized to house up to 142 residents, characterized by the Planning Department as "non-ambulatory and bedridden." **The approval includes no on-site parking requirement. WHAT?**

This is what the State Legislature has done to our community. They are taking away our right to self-

determination and allowing this type of project in a residential area just across from Taft High School.



**SOUTH ELEVATION
(FROM DEL MORENO DR.)**

The Original Plan

Those who are upset about this project – and it should be everyone – complains that there is

- No fire safety review
- Street Too Narrow for Fire Ladder Trucks
- Lack of Parking Significantly Increases the Traffic Danger
- No Required Evacuation Plan for the Non-Ambulatory Residents of the Proposed Facility.
- Dangerously Limited Egress in an Evacuation Emergency
- No sidewalk and no setback which will block pedestrians (including emergency personnel/first responders) and force them into the traffic lane
- Removal of All Trees
- Environmental Contamination Risk from Hauling 9,337 cubic yards of untested soil

Yes, the list goes on.

The appeal is due by 4:00 p.m. on 9/25/2026. John Walker, President of the WHHO said “I hope someone will appeal this project, and that our State Representatives will recognize that these laws, sold as a compassionate way to create more housing, are in reality seriously harming our family neighborhoods”.

KEY ELECTION DEADLINES

Sept. 24-Oct. 13: The California Secretary of State will mail the official voter information guide.

Sept. 24-Oct. 13: County elections official also will mail county voter information guides during this period.

Oct. 5: County elections officials will begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot no later than this date.

Oct. 5: Early voting sites open.

Oct. 6-Nov. 3: All counties will open ballot drop-off locations for vote-by-mail ballots by this date. Click here for find a location.

Oct. 19: An important deadline. This is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 general election.

Oct. 20-Nov. 3: Missed the registration deadline? Voters can conditionally register to vote with a provisional ballot.

Oct. 24: open vote centers.

Nov. 3: Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in California. If you're in line before your polling location closes, you can vote.

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BALOT PROPOSITIONS

November 3, 2026, Statewide Ballot Measures

(Look these up for detailed information)

Proposition 1

[Authorizes Bonds for Housing Affordability Programs. Legislative Statute.](#)

Proposition 2

[Increases State's Rainy Day Fund. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 3

[Provides Permanent Funding for Schools and Health Care by Extending Existing Tax on High Incomes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 4

[Repeals Prohibition Against Public Funding of Election Campaigns. Legislative Statute.](#)

Proposition 5

[Changes Recall Election Process for Statewide Officers. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 37

[Creates Loan Program for Middle-Income Buyers of Qualified New Homes. Initiative Statute.](#)

Proposition 38

[Authorizes Bonds for Immunology Medical Research. Initiative Statute.](#)

Proposition 39

[Prohibits Citizens from Voting Unless They Present Government-Issued Identification. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 40

[Imposes One-Time Tax on Certain Taxpayers. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.](#)

Proposition 41

[Prohibits New State Taxes That Exclude Revenues from State Spending Limit. Requires Audits for New State Special Taxes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 42

[Prohibits New State Personal Property Taxes and Certain Retroactive State Taxes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 43

[Limits Voters' Ability to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.](#)

Proposition 44

[Requires Community Health Clinics Spend 90% Of Revenue on Program Services. Initiative Statute.](#)

Proposition 45

[Modifies Environmental Review for Certain Projects. Initiative Statute.](#)

There will be more to come from the WHHO much more the Propositions soon.

THE BIG ONE FOR THE WHHO MEMBERSHIP

Proposition 43:

Higher threshold for local special taxes

What it does: Protects Prop 13 - This one will raise the threshold for citizen-driven special tax ballot initiatives to pass from a simple majority to two-thirds, making it harder to impose or increase taxes.

Supporters: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

There are many more from LA County and for the City of LA. More information to come.

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The WHHO needs you to be part of us

We need your voice. We need your ideas. We need your involvement.

The WHHO wants to be your voice as well as your eyes and ears into what's going on that will affect your lifestyle, your property and your neighborhood and in our entire community.

So we are asking for any stories you might have. Any inside information as to what may be happening in Woodland Hills and our surrounding areas. And we're asking for your opinions on what's good, and what isn't.

We are also asking you to join us so you'll have accurate details about what is going on in Woodland Hills. The bigger our voice, the greater the impact we can have.

You'll find an Application at the top of the first page of our web site, WHHO.com. It is only \$25 a year for an *entire household* to belong to WHHO, and your membership helps to sustain us by covering the web site, emails, taxes, insurance and other legally required fees. There is a PayPal button on the web page – and yes you can use any credit card at the

PayPal button. Come join us to help make our community even better.

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NEIGHBORS ★ COMMUNITY ★ A STRONGER TOMORROW

Community Makes Us Stronger

Let's celebrate the wins!

SUNDAY 9/27

BLOCK PARTY

IN THE PARKING LOT OF
Woodland Hills Community Church, 21338 Dumetz Ave
STARTING AT 4:30 PM



TOWN HALL Q&A
with CD3 Candidate
Tim Gaspar

HARTER HALL AT
Woodland Hills Community Church,
21338 Dumetz Ave
3:30 - 4:30 PM



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