



## Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-0289

**Agenda Item:** GB111920-16  
**Date:** November 19, 2020  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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### Background

Among the various requirements of Ordinance No. 184745 ('Affordable Housing and Labor Standards Related to City Planning', Council File No. 16-0684) is the creation of a new affordable housing incentive program for developments near major transit stops. The ordinance contains a 'Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program,' along with a directive for the necessary TOC Program Guidelines which became effective on September 22, 2017 and revised on February 26, 2018, that are applicable to all housing developments located within a one-half mile radius of a Major Transit Stop. As specified in the ordinance, each one-half mile radius along a Major Transit Stop constitutes a unique TOC Affordable Housing Incentive Area.

Now that the program has been in effect for over two years, it is clear that although it is popular, and is generating many new housing units and covenanted affordable housing units, the program has failed to account for differences in land values across the City. In areas with high land values, the TOC program provides a substantial windfall for property owners and developers without achieving commensurate value for the public in terms of the creation of affordable housing units.

In 2017, the Council approved an affordable housing Linkage Fee Ordinance (Ordinance No. 185342), Council File No. 17-0274. When the Planning Department released drafts of the Linkage Fee Ordinance, the fee rates were uniform for all parts of the city, making no distinction between high market areas and low market areas. With Council oversight and input, however, the final version included higher fees in higher market areas and more funding for affordable housing in Los Angeles. This type of tiered affordable housing requirement should be included in the TOC program.

### Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 20-0289.



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## Considerations

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**Committee review:**

Votes For: 5

Against: 1

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**Arguments for:**

The TOC program has not provided sufficient affordable housing units.

**Arguments against:**

The restrictions disincentivize developers.



November 19, 2020

Re: Council File: 20-0189

Title: Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines / Affordable Housing / Revision

Position: Support

Statement:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports this motion instructing the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid-market areas of Los Angeles, similar to the higher affordability levels in the Linkage Fee Ordinance, CF 17-0274.

The City continues to miss its Regional Housing Needs Assessment targets, and it is crucial that TOC projects that displace moderate income residents provide a similar number of moderate income units. As an interim step towards acting on the ideas in Council File 19-0669, it makes sense to increase the affordability targets for TOC projects higher in upmarket areas similar to the market segmentation in the Linkage Fee Ordinance. We recognize the urgent need for increased housing supply, but also need protections to prevent current residents from being forced out of their chosen Community.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council proposes that the Community Plan be updated to require that TOC projects set aside 75% of units as Restricted Affordable Units; with no changes to the current set-aside for ELI, VLI, or LI tenants, the remainder of these 75% units would be restricted for people of Moderate Income (80% to 120% of the area Median Income). This proposal provides developers with the ability to build 25% of their units for rental at market rate while delivering some low-income affordable units and also helps to maintain the middle-class community that lives in South Robertson today.

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# Motion to submit request to Councilmember Wesson to create a Council File regarding conversion of 8686 Venice Blvd into supportive housing

**Agenda Item:** GB111920-15  
**Date:** November 19, 2020  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** No

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## Background

Homelessness has risen in the City of Los Angeles by just above 14% according to the 2020 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, while the housing supply remains fairly stagnant and shelters continue to exceed capacity and demand. As a result, encampments have increased in size in areas like Reynier Village, Crestview, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, and the SORO Art District. The COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis only exacerbate this issue; although data has not been released yet, many stakeholders of the South Robertson area can attest to how many more unhoused people have appeared in our streets.

In early September 2020, an incident occurred in Reynier Village in which boulders were placed under the Cattaraugus overpass in order to deter homeless people from setting up tents there. The incident sparked controversy and even a condemnation from Councilmember Wesson's office. The stakeholders of South Robertson urged this Neighborhood Council to explore adding new housing sites to the southern area of our neighborhood, as permanent supportive housing is the only proven solution to preventing homelessness and the SORO area lacks a supply of it.

The site at 8686 Venice Blvd, previously known as the Venice Hotel, suffered from a space heater-related fire in February of this year. Currently, the site remains unused due to fire damage. The site could be converted into bridge housing or even permanent supportive housing with assistance from the City and State. Creating a Council File regarding this proposal would help the community give feedback.

## Proposed Motion

Submit a request to Councilmember Wesson to instruct the City to purchase and convert 8686 Venice Blvd (formerly known as the Venice Hotel) into supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness.



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## Considerations

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**Committee review:**

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

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**Arguments for:**

Lack of supportive housing in the neighborhood.

Site currently remains unused.

**Arguments against:**

Fire damage may make it difficult to easily convert site into housing.



Councilmember Herb Wesson  
200 North Spring Street, Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 19, 2020

Re: Venice Hotel

Dear Councilmember Wesson:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council commends your past action in helping the homeless community of the area find shelter and bridge housing, as well as your dedication to building further housing and expanding support for unhoused people.

Homelessness has risen in the City of Los Angeles by just above 14% according to the 2020 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, while the housing supply remains fairly stagnant and shelters continue to exceed capacity and demand. As a result, encampments have increased in size in areas like Reynier Village, Crestview, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, and the SORO Art District. The COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis only exacerbate this issue; although data has not been released yet, many stakeholders of the South Robertson area can attest to how many more unhoused people have appeared in our streets.

In early September 2020, your office was alerted to an incident in Reynier Village in which boulders were placed under the Cattaraugus overpass in order to deter homeless people from setting up tents there. The incident sparked controversy and even a condemnation from your office. Now, the stakeholders of South Robertson urge you to explore adding new housing sites to the southern area of our neighborhood. Your effort to open new bridge housing has been noticed, and we would like to see it help people in our region as well.

The site at 8686 Venice Blvd, previously known as the Venice Hotel, suffered from a space heater-related fire in February of this year. Currently, the site remains unused due to fire damage. We believe this site could be converted into bridge housing or even permanent supportive housing with assistance from the City and State. We know that this would not be a simple task but feel that it would go a long way in helping our community.

**The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council urges LA Councilmember Herb Wesson to explore turning the Venice Hotel site at 8686 Venice Blvd into housing for people experiencing homelessness.** We hope you will continue to support the homeless population of Los Angeles which only continues to grow even as luxury housing in the area expands.

Sincerely,

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President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

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# Motion to Review and Update FY 2020-2021 Soro NC Budget

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-04  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Finance Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** NO

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## Background

At the last board meeting (December 2020) the board had several requests for Neighborhood Purpose Grants. In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the economic crisis that developed due to the pandemic, the Board indicated that it wanted to consider funding some humanitarian grants now. A joint Finance Committee and Quality of Life Committee meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2021 to come up with specific recommendations for the January General Board meeting scheduled on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Finance Committee was going to review the current budget and determine what was felt to be a prudent amount that could be invested in NPG's now. Factors to be considered were amounts needed to fund operations for the balance of the fiscal year, amounts that would be forthcoming from the City of LA in FY 2021-2022 and the possibility of carryover for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the Finance Committee was to determine how to adjust the current FY budget to provide for the NPG's. This will be handled by this motion.

The Quality-of-Life Committee was going to review all of the current NPG's and determine how the prudent amount of NPG funding would be allocated amongst the applicants. This will be handled by separate motion(s) from the Quality-of-Life Committee.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The Finance Committee having reviewed our current budget determined that it would be prudent to increase the amount of NPG's funded now for humanitarian purposes up from \$11,200 for the FY to \$17,500 fundable now with the possibility of further NPG's to be determined in April, 2021.
- II. In order to fund this amount, we need to adjust our current budget by removing \$11,200 of previously allocated but unfunded NPG's. (Sorofest and Movies in the Park),
- III. Additionally, all Community Improvement Projects previously allocated but not funded would be removed and these amounts totaling \$4,700 would be converted into Humanitarian NPG's.
- IV. Finally, all amounts intended to feed the public at our General Board Meetings for the FY would be eliminated and the \$1,600 amount would be converted into Humanitarian NPG's.

[ Note that the totals of II (\$11,200) plus III (\$4,700) plus IV (\$1,600) totals \$17,500.]

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## Considerations

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Committee review:  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For:4

Against: -0-

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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

\$11,200

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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

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1. Allocates a prudent amount for humanitarian NPG's now.

1. Some of the items eliminated have been funded by this NC for over a decade.

2. Many of the items eliminated would be prohibited under present social distancing requirements.



Fiscal Year  
2020 - 2021

Office of the City Clerk  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
Fiscal Year Administrative Packet

Neighborhood Council: South Robertson NC

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Proposed Revisions  
TO current  
Budget

<b>South Robertson NC</b> <b>Neighborhood Council</b> <b>Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	
<b>Annual Budget Funds</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
<b>Rollover Funds*</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Encumbered Funds*</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>
<b>Total Annual Budget Funds</b>	<b>\$ 46,250.00</b>



<b>Office/Operational Expenditures Category</b>	
Training	\$ 750.00
Mtg Exp/Food [reduction from \$2400 to \$800]	\$ 800.00
Misc Exp	\$ 4,500.00
<b>Total Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 6,050.00</b>

\*The Funding Program will notify each NC of their Fiscal Year closing balance including available rollover funds and/or approved encumbered funds, if any, on August 1st or next business day. Depending on when an NC submits its Admin Packet/annual budget, the NC may need to revise and resubmit its annual budget to account for any rollover and/or encumbered funds. PLEASE NOTE: Encumbered funds are intended only for earmarked expenditures submitted in the "Encumbrance Request Form" and approved by the Funding Program

<b>Outreach Expenditures Category</b>	
Town Hall	\$ 500.00
Social Media	\$ 2,000.00
Website	\$ 6,000.00
General Outreach	\$ 2,000.00
CPR Training	\$ 2,000.00
Unallocated [ removed allocation Peace Picnic (\$500) and Homeless Count (\$200)	\$ 700.00
<b>Total Outreach Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 13,200.00</b>



<b>Election Expenditures Category</b>	
Election Exp	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Election Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>



<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures Category</b>	
Unallocated NPG	\$ 17,500.00
<small>(removed allocation for Sorofest (\$10,000) and Movies in the Park (\$1200), transferred \$4700 from unfunded Community Imp Projects and transferred \$1800 to NPG by eliminating food at General Bd. Meetings)</small>	
<b>Total NPG Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 17,500.00</b>



<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures Category</b>	
NONE	\$ 0.00
<b>Total CIP Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Office/Operational Expenditures	\$ 6,050.00
Outreach Expenditures	\$ 13,200.00
Election Expenditures	\$ 5,000.00
<b>General and Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 24,250.00</b>
<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 17,500.00</b>
<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021</b>	<b>\$ 41,750.00</b>

Fiscal Year  
2020 - 2021

Office of the City Clerk  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
Fiscal Year Administrative Packet

Neighborhood Council: South Robertson NC

**= Current Budget =**

<b>South Robertson NC</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Neighborhood Council</b></span> <b>Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	
<b>Annual Budget Funds</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
<b>Rollover Funds*</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Encumbered Funds*</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>
<b>Total Annual Budget Funds</b>	<b>\$ 46,250.00</b>

<b>Office/Operational Expenditures Category</b>	
Training/Bd Retreat	\$ 750.00
Meeting Exp/food	\$ 2,400.00
Misc Exp	\$ 4,500.00
<b>Total Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,650.00</b>

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<b>Outreach Expenditures Category</b>	
Town Hall	\$ 500.00
Social Media	\$ 2,000.00
Website	\$ 6,000.00
General Outreach	\$ 2,000.00
CPR Training	\$ 2,000.00
Peace Picnic	\$ 500.00
Homeless Count	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Outreach Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 13,200.00</b>

<b>Election Expenditures Category</b>	
Election Expense	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Election Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures Category</b>	
Sorofest 2021	\$ 10,000.00
Movies in the Park	\$ 1,200.00
<b>Total NPG Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 11,200.00</b>

<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures Category</b>	
(as yet unspecified)	\$ 2,000.00
Hami Garden	\$ 500.00
Car Seat event	\$ 300.00
Safety Expo	\$ 400.00
Support NC (Bud Adv \$750, Congress \$750)	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total CIP Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,700.00</b>

<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS</b>	
<b>Office/Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,650.00</b>
<b>Outreach Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 13,200.00</b>
<b>Election Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>General and Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 25,850.00</b>
<b>Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 11,200.00</b>
<b>Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,700.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021</b>	<b>\$ 41,750.00</b>





# Motion to approve NPG Application of EAYIKES to fund Home-y Made Meals of up to \$5,000

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-05  
**Date:**  
**Proposed By:** January 21, 2021  
**Include motion in** ~~QA~~ Quality of Life Committee  
**Consent Agenda?**

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## Background

At the last board meeting (December 2020) the board had several requests for Neighborhood Purpose Grants. In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the economic crisis that developed due to the pandemic, the Board indicated that it wanted to consider funding some humanitarian grants now. A joint Finance Committee and Quality of Life Committee meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2021 to come up with specific recommendations for the January General Board meeting scheduled on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Finance Committee was going to review the current budget and determine what was felt to be a prudent amount that could be invested in NPG's now. Factors to be considered were amounts needed to fund operations for the balance of the fiscal year, amounts that would be forthcoming from the City of LA in FY 2021-2022 and the possibility of carryover for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the Finance Committee was to determine how to adjust the current FY budget to provide for the NPG's. This was handled by a separate motion.

The Quality-of-Life Committee was going to review each of the current NPG applications and determine how the prudent amount of NPG funding would be allocated amongst the applicants. Our Committee has decided to recommend funding of up to the prudent amount be allocated solely amongst those humanitarian NPG applications dealing with hunger. Eayikes has applied for an NPG of up to \$5,000.

There were some questions that we had regarding the application that we wanted the Board to hear the applicant's response to:

1. How does Eayikes handle quality control since volunteers will be cooking unsupervised and using their own ingredients?
2. How do they propose to assure us that Soro NC stakeholders will have access to this aid?

## Proposed Motion

- I. The Quality-of-Life Committee having reviewed the \$17,500 fundable now available for immediate grant feels that this application is qualified under the criteria it was reviewed.
- II. The applicant has requested funding of this NPG in the amount of \$5000. The Committee recommends funding of this grant of up to \$5000.,

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## Considerations

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Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For:6	Against: -0-
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$17,500
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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1. Allocates a prudent amount for humanitarian NPG's now.

1. none



# Motion to approve NPG Application of Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles of up to \$4,500.

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-06  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Quality of Life Committee  
**Include motion in  
Consent Agenda?** NO

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## Background

At the last board meeting (December 2020) the board had several requests for Neighborhood Purpose Grants. In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the economic crisis that developed due to the pandemic, the Board indicated that it wanted to consider funding some humanitarian grants now. A joint Finance Committee and Quality of Life Committee meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2021 to come up with specific recommendations for the January General Board meeting scheduled on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Finance Committee was going to review the current budget and determine what was felt to be a prudent amount that could be invested in NPG's now. Factors to be considered were amounts needed to fund operations for the balance of the fiscal year, amounts that would be forthcoming from the City of LA in FY 2021-2022 and the possibility of carryover for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the Finance Committee was to determine how to adjust the current FY budget to provide for the NPG's. This was handled by a separate motion.

The Quality-of-Life Committee was going to review each of the current NPG applications and determine how the prudent amount of NPG funding would be allocated amongst the applicants. Our Committee has decided to recommend funding of up to the prudent amount be allocated solely amongst those humanitarian NPG applications dealing with hunger. Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles has applied for an NPG of up to \$4,500.

There were some questions that we had regarding the application that we wanted the Board to hear the applicant's response to:

1. Is there a Conflict of Interest between a board member and the applicant?
2. How do they propose to assure us that Soro NC stakeholders will have access to this aid?

## Proposed Motion

- I. The Quality-of-Life Committee having reviewed the \$17,500 fundable now available for immediate grant feels that this application is qualified under the criteria it was reviewed.
- II. The applicant has requested funding of this NPG in the amount of \$4,500. The Committee recommends funding of this grant of up to \$4,500.

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## Considerations

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Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For:6	Against: -0-
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$17,500
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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1. Allocates a prudent amount for humanitarian NPG's now.

1. none



# Motion to approve NPG Application of Parents, Educators/Teaches & Students in Action of up to \$5,000

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-07  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

Parents Educators/Teachers and Students in Action (PESA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the Los Angeles community through advocacy, mentorship, and education. We provide a variety of services to low and moderate income families from the South Robertson neighborhood, including tutoring, mentoring, empowerment workshops, and mental health counseling, in order to meet students' educational needs in a more holistic way.

PESA has adapted its programs and services to an online format and are striving to support all students in distance-learning. This grant will aid PESA in continuing to provide services as well as ensure equal access to education for all of its students.

## Proposed Motion

To approve up to \$5,000 in funding this neighborhood purpose grant.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Quality of Life recommends tabling this motion until April 2021  
*(highly recommended)*

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**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** NA  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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### Arguments for:

Distance learning has harmed our youth and created a great divide in the educational gap

### Arguments against:

Spending money on food programs is a better use of funds for families in need

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# Motion to approve NPG Application of Los Angeles Regional Food Bank of up to \$4,000.

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-08  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Quality of Life Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** NO

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## Background

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The Quality-of-Life Committee was going to review each of the current NPG applications and determine how the prudent amount of NPG funding would be allocated amongst the applicants. Our Committee has decided to recommend funding of up to the prudent amount be allocated solely amongst those humanitarian NPG applications dealing with hunger. Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has applied for an NPG of up to \$5,000.

There were some questions that we had regarding the application that we wanted the Board to hear the applicant's response to:

1. How do they propose to assure us that Soro NC stakeholders will have access to this aid?

## Proposed Motion

- I. The Quality-of-Life Committee having reviewed the \$17,500 fundable now available for immediate grant feels that this application is qualified under the criteria it was reviewed.
- II. The applicant has requested funding of this NPG in the amount of \$5000. The Committee recommends funding of this grant of up to \$4,000.

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## Considerations

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Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For:6	Against: -0-
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$17,500
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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| 1. Allocates a prudent amount for humanitarian NPG's now. | 1. none |
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# Motion to approve NPG Application of Jewish Family Services Los Angeles (Sova Community Food and Resources Program) of up to \$4,000.

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-09  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Quality of Life Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** NO

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At the last board meeting (December 2020) the board had several requests for Neighborhood Purpose Grants. In view of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the economic crisis that developed due to the pandemic, the Board indicated that it wanted to consider funding some humanitarian grants now. A joint Finance Committee and Quality of Life Committee meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2021 to come up with specific recommendations for the January General Board meeting scheduled on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Finance Committee was going to review the current budget and determine what was felt to be a prudent amount that could be invested in NPG's now. Factors to be considered were amounts needed to fund operations for the balance of the fiscal year, amounts that would be forthcoming from the City of LA in FY 2021-2022 and the possibility of carryover for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the Finance Committee was to determine how to adjust the current FY budget to provide for the NPG's. This was handled by a separate motion.

The Quality-of-Life Committee was going to review each of the current NPG applications and determine how the prudent amount of NPG funding would be allocated amongst the applicants. Our Committee has decided to recommend funding of up to the prudent amount be allocated solely amongst those humanitarian NPG applications dealing with hunger. Jewish Family Services Los Angeles has applied for an NPG of up to \$5,000.

There were some questions that we had regarding the application that we wanted the Board to hear the applicant's response to:

1. How do they propose to assure us that Soro NC stakeholders will have access to this aid?

## Proposed Motion

- I. The Quality-of-Life Committee having reviewed the \$17,500 fundable now available for immediate grant feels that this application is qualified under the criteria it was reviewed.

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- II. The applicant has requested funding of this NPG in the amount of \$5000. The Committee recommends funding of this grant of up to \$4,000.

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## Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For:6	Against: -0-
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$17,500
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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1. Allocates a prudent amount for humanitarian NPG's now.

1. none



# Motion to approve NPG Application of Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County of up to \$2,500

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-10  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The COVID-19 pandemic is not just a health disaster, but an economic crisis as well. As a first responder with a strong track record responding to disaster and crisis, NHS is leading LA County in helping LMI communities cope with the economic ramifications of COVID-19. For over 35 years, Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (NHS) has served as a catalyst for local residents, businesses, and government representatives to work together to build stronger neighborhoods, improve the quality of life for low-to-moderate income (LMI) families and revitalize communities into neighborhoods of choice. NHS established a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to offset costs of providing financial counseling services, free of charge, to tenants, homeowners and mom/pop landlords to help them stay in their homes. NHS will outreach to more than 1,000 tenants and homeowners in the Pico-Union Neighborhood to provide but are not limited to:

- Debt and budget management counseling to help stabilize LMI families
- Foreclosure prevention clinics (available in English and Spanish, online)
- Individual consultation and counseling for homeowners (via telephone)
- Affordable fixed-rate refinance loans to help residents keep their homes
- Assistance with modifying loans and negotiating with loan lenders/servicers
- Free 1: 1 and weekly group counseling for landlords facing rent moratoriums;
- Addressing coronavirus prevention needs at commercial buildings, senior housing and residential properties;
- Home buyer Education
- Neighborhood stabilization programming to help preserve communities that may be vacated or become unstable;
- Legacy counseling curricula for estate planning, wealth protection and preservation.

## Proposed Motion

To approve up to \$2,500 in funding this neighborhood purpose grant.

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## Considerations

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Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Quality of Life recommends tabling this motion until April 2021
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	NA
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### Arguments for:

Housing is a major issue in Los Angeles, which has been exasperated by the pandemic

### Arguments against:

Spending money on food programs is a better use of funds for families in need



# Motion to approve NPG Application of CicLAvia of up to \$5,000

**Agenda Item:** GB012121-11  
**Date:** January 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

CicLAvia temporarily closes streets to car traffic and opens them to Angelenos to use as a public park. Free for all to participate, CicLAvia connects communities and people to each other across an expansive city, creating a safe place to bike walk, skate, roll, and dance through Los Angeles. Along the event routes, they set up hubs, which are essentially resting areas where participants can eat and relax. The hubs are also areas where community groups, including neighborhood councils, can set up a resource booth. CicLAvia is requesting \$5000 to support the hub infrastructure (seating, tables, umbrellas, and other programming) along an upcoming 2021 route that will travel along Venice Blvd through the SORO neighborhood.

## Proposed Motion

To approve up to \$5,000 in funding this neighborhood purpose grant.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Quality of Life recommends tabling this motion until April 2021  
*(highly recommended)*

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** NA  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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### Arguments for:

It runs directly through the SORO community

People have been stuck inside for so long due to safer at home orders that an outdoor event is something that the NC should support

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### Arguments against:

Spending on community get-togethers may not be the best use of funds

There is a chance that this event doesn't even happen until the next fiscal year due to the pandemic

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