



## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES - CALL FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN AND MEN**

Why would you want to serve with Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBAs)?

Budget Advocates are charged under the City Charter to report on all concerns as relate to financial matters of the City of Los Angeles. With 4 million residents and 3 dozen Departments employing over 59,000 workers, the City's annual budget totals nearly \$10 billion operating within a complex financial system.

Even with an enormous budget, when we ask about services such as tree trimming, failing streets, long waits to speak with the police operator, etc. we hear it's "not in the Budget." Every service we expect from the City is delivered based on the Budget.

This is where Budget Advocates come in and serve an important role. Budget Advocates:

- Affect the priorities in the Budget and encourage needed transparency and accountability.
- Make recommendations to address the concerns of our neighborhoods.

### **Responsibilities of a Budget Advocate include a commitment to:**

- Convene twice a month – currently the 1st Monday and the 3rd Saturday. Study how the City functions, the challenges it faces, and how the Budget works. Participate in NCBA events.
- Meet with top managers in City Departments during business hours. See how departments operate and what they need to respond to requests for services.
- Prepare White Papers, reports and letters outlining issues across City government as well as performance within specific City Departments.
- Share Budget Advocate reports and recommendations with the Mayor and his Budget Committee while asking the Mayor probing questions. Attend hearings and present NCBA recommendations to the Budget & Finance Committee of the City Council.
- Convey the work of the NCBAs to Neighborhood Councils & bring their concerns to the City.
- Fill support roles – outreach, media, website, writing, editing, surveys, etc.

### **How to become a Budget Advocate:**

1) Be designated a Budget Rep. by your Neighborhood Council. You need not be a Board member.

2) Attend Budget Day at City Hall Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

3) Bring your interest in how the City works its budget, then run for an open Budget Advocate position in your Region. Budget Representatives elect three Budget Advocates from each of the 12 Regions. Budget Advocates serve two-year terms. A number of vacancies will be filled on Budget Day, will you fill one?

4) Elected a Budget Advocate or not, come to Budget Advocate meetings, sign up for committees and/or support roles. Budget Advocates welcome your involvement and you will be in the right place for an opening when it develops.

**More info: [NCBALA.COM](http://NCBALA.COM)**



# Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the Budget Advocates 2018 White Paper

**Agenda Item:** GB041918-7  
**Date:** May 17, 2018  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee

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## Background

The Budget Advocates Committee was created by amending the Los Angeles City Charter to allow access to and the right to comment on the budget proposals of the City of Los Angeles prior to the adoption of the city budget for the next fiscal year. This creates greater transparency and understanding between city government and the stakeholders.

Each year the Budget Advocates submits a series of reports, which collectively are called "The White Paper", to the City's Budget and Finance Committee, the Mayor and the City Council. In addition, a copy of the White Paper is given to each Neighborhood Council.

This was presented at the April Board Meeting but was not acted upon to allow Board Members time to review the White Paper.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council was given a copy of the 2018 White Paper at the March 2018 Board Meeting.
- II. In recognition of the work done by the Budget Advocates, the Board of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council agrees to submit the attached Community Impact Statement in support of the White Paper and requests that the city implement the recommendations of the White Paper.
- III. If any recommendation cannot be implemented, we request that the C.A.O. report back to the Budget Advocates as to the recommendation not accepted and the reasons why it could not be implemented. Any C.A.O. Report will be shared with this Board.

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: -4-	Against: -0-
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**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**

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1. This will increase the effectiveness of all N.C. by strengthening the interactions by and between N.C.s. 1 None.

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Council File: [forthcoming]

## Community Impact Statement

As adopted by vote of the full SORO NC governing board

Yes:	No:	Abstain:	Ineligible:	Recuse:
<b>Adopted:</b>	May 17, 2018			
<b>Position:</b>	For   For if amended   Against   Against unless amended   Neutral			

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has received and reviewed a copy of the Budget Advocates 2018 White Paper. This report reviews the proposed 2018/2019 Fiscal Budget presented to the Mayor and to the City Council for action.

The White Paper is a report by the Budget Advocates of their review of the proposed city budget along with specific recommendations for consideration by the City Council and the Mayor.

Our Neighborhood Council finds the report by the Budget Advocates accurately reflects the concerns of our stakeholders. We request that consideration be given to the specific recommendations of the Budget Advocates. If any recommendation cannot be implemented this year we ask that the C.A.O. report back to the Budget Advocates detailing why the recommendation could not be accepted.

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**Submitted by:** Jon Liberman  
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# Motion to support 7-Unit Condominium at 9806-9810 W Vidor Dr

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-6  
**Date:** May 17, 2018  
**Proposed By:** LUED Committee

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## Background

The project team presented this proposed new condo building to the Land Use and Economic Development (LUED) committee at their May 1, 2018 meeting. The applicant's request is for a vesting tentative tract to build a new 12,000 square foot, 7-unit condo building at 9806-9810 W Vidor Dr.

The subject property is 5,974 square feet and zoned [Q]R3-1-O with a 45-foot height limit. The proposed building is 4 stories at 45 feet tall. 9 bicycle parking spaces are provided and 16 parking spaces are located in a subterranean garage.

The property is bordered by 4-story apartment buildings to the east and west and the Simon Wiesenthal Center to the south. The applicant noticed residents within 500 feet of the property for the LUED meeting. There were no residents in attendance.

## Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of the project to City Planning Department case manager Connie Chauv (connie.chauv@lacity.org) to be included in case file for the condo at 9806-9810 W Vidor Dr; TT-81344-CN; ENV-2018-266-EAF.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 5 Against: 0  
*(highly recommended)*

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### Arguments for:

Besides the subdivision request, the project is by right. Applicant is not requesting any variances or adjustments in their application.

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### Arguments against:

New condo units will be sold at a higher price point than former rental units.

The 7 new units will replace the exiting 4 units, netting 3 additional housing units.

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Connie Chauv  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

18 May 2018

Re: Case Number TT-81344-CN

Dear Ms. Chauv:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to comment on the proposed new condominium building at 9806-9810 W Vidor Dr.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on May 17, 2018, SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to recommend that the applicant's project be approved. The unit count and building height are per zoning and the parking count is per code. This project is an appropriate addition to the neighborhood.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Cc: Faisai Alserri, Office of Council Member Paul Koretz  
Krystal Návar, SORO NC Land Use and Economic Development Chair

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# Motion to write a letter to Councilmember Koretz regarding removing dead street trees on Pico

**Agenda Item:** Gb051718-7  
**Date:** May 17, 2018  
**Proposed By:** LUED Committee

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## Background

Concerned SORO resident, Neal Shapiro, presented this issue to the Land Use and Economic Development (LUED) committee at their May 1, 2018 meeting. Mr. Shapiro's request is for the SORO NC to write a letter to Councilmember Paul Koretz urging him to work with Bureau of Street Services to remove the dead trees and tree stumps along Pico Blvd.

Mr. Shapiro has attempted to have these trees removed by utilizing city processes, but has not made any progress. He is requesting support from the SORO NC in the form of a letter he can use to help support his efforts.

## Proposed Motion

Submit a letter urging Councilmember Paul Koretz to work with Bureau of Street Services to remove the dead trees and tree stumps along Pico Blvd.

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 5	Against: 0
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### Arguments for:

Dead street trees are a danger to the public and should be removed promptly.

Removing the dead trees and tree stumps allows for new street trees to be planted in their place, beautifying the neighborhood and enhancing the pedestrian experience.

### Arguments against:

City processes exist and should be exhausted before the NC gets involved.

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Councilmember Paul Koretz  
Western District Office  
6380 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 800  
Los Angeles, CA 90048

18 May 2018

Re: Dead Street Trees and Tree Stumps on Pico Blvd

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to urge you to work with the Bureau of Street Services to remove the dead street trees and tree stumps along Pico Blvd.

Concerned SORO resident, Neal Shapiro, presented this issue to the SORO NC at a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on May 17, 2018. Mr. Shapiro has attempted to have these trees removed by utilizing city processes, but has not made any progress. The SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to urge your office to get involved by working with the Bureau of Street Services to address this issue and expedite the removal of these dead trees.

Dead street trees are not only an eyesore, but present a danger to the public. Tree stumps, also, can act as a tripping hazard. Removing the dead trees and tree stumps allows for new street trees to be planted in their place, beautifying the neighborhood and enhancing the pedestrian experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Doug Fitzsimmons  
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Cc: Faisai Alserri, Office of Council Member Paul Koretz  
Krystal Nívar, SORO NC Land Use and Economic Development Chair

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# Motion to fund Up to \$300 for Outreach for a Stop The Bleed Workshop

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-8

**Date:** May 14, 2018

**Proposed By:** SORO NC Public Safety Committee

## Background

### Full Proposal

Educating Stakeholders on First Aid as part of a complete American Heart Association or American Red Cross certification course is a long-standing goal of the SORO NC's Public Safety Committee.

Since many Stakeholders are unable to commit to taking the full CPR/First Aid/AED course, a local organization has offered to perform a single 1-hour course focused on the aspect of stopping bleeding in June or July.

To promote the event, up to \$275 of printed flyers and social media ads would be purchased in advance of the workshop. Approximately \$25 would be used for simple refreshments at the event.

### Proposed Motion

That the SORO NC to sponsor and fund up to \$300.00 for outreach and refreshments for a 1 hour Stop The Bleed workshop.

## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 7 Against: 0  
*(highly recommended)*

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$0  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

### Arguments for:

Great outreach opportunity to the community.

More Stakeholders trained on aspect of First Aid

### Arguments against:

Will require outreach to attract participants. Summer attendance for events tend to be light

Funds can be used elsewhere.

Funds can be used elsewhere.

Will rec participate

Limited

Funds

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# Motion to fund up to \$500 for printing for SORO Festival

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-9  
**Date:** 5/17/18  
**Proposed By:** Marjan Safinia

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## Full Proposal

SoRo Festival remains our single largest outreach opportunity. With a large, visible booth in the festival, SORO NC attracts substantial attention and high reach connection with our stakeholders. SORO NC needs to refresh some of our small and large-scale printing for display.

## Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund up to \$500 for printing materials for the SORO NC booth at the SoRo Festival

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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<b>Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:</b>	\$3000 (general outreach)
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<b>Arguments for:</b>	<b>Arguments against:</b>
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Biggest single outreach opportunity

Cost.

Printed materials can be used at multiple public events

Trees die when we print.

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# Neighborhood Purposes Grant to 101 Enterprises to support Movies in the Park 2018 for \$1000

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-10

**Date:** 5/17/18

**Proposed By:** Marjan Safinia

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## Full Proposal

This is the eleventh year of Council President Herb Wesson's Movies in the Park summer series, which is put on through 101 Enterprises. As he has for the last decade, the Council President will be hosting one of the Movies in SORO at Reynier Park. This year's movie will be on July 27th.

In the past, this event has attracted between 800-1000 people to the park, making it one of the largest Outreach opportunities we support in the community. It's a great family night out, and offers us significant outreach into the Latino community, a community of renters, and a lot of new residents, who usually attend in great numbers and who we could benefit from reaching out to more.

This also offers us an opportunity to continue our close collaboration with the Council President Wesson and the CD-10 office.

Our portion of the funds will be used to purchase food items for the event including hot dogs, burgers, popcorn candy and drinks. This event has been accounted for in our annual budgeting.

## Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC approve the attached Neighborhood Purposes Grant to 101 Enterprises for \$1000 towards the production of Council President Wesson's 2018 Movies in the Park Event for Reynier Park.

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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<b>Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:</b>	\$1000
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### Arguments for:

Super popular outreach event.

Reaches a groups of stakeholders who don't traditionally participate in SORO NC events

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### Arguments against:

Cost.

These funds could be spent on other programs.

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**Neighborhood Council Funding Program**  
**APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: SORO NC

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a) 101 Enterprises Foundation    02-0713867    CA    3/3/2004  
*Organization Name*                      *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)*    *State of Incorporation*                      *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) PO Box 45143                      Los Angeles                      CA                      90045  
*Organization Mailing Address*                      *City*                      *State*                      *Zip Code*

1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (if different)*                      *City*                      *State*                      *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Jenise Lacy    323-337-7279    jlacy23@aol.com  
*Name*                      *Phone*                      *Email*

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**  
 Public School (*not to include private schools*)    or     501(c)(3) Non-Profit (*other than religious institutions*)  
    **Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead**                      **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)*                      *City*                      *State*                      *Zip Code*

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**

This is for Movies in the Park held at Reynier Park. Yearly we show a full length, animated feature and invite everyone in the community. This is free and open to the public. Attendance is approximately 1000 people. Advertising is done through neighborhood sign-age and flyer's that are distributed through the community and at the schools.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**

The money will be used to purchase food that everyone who attends is welcome to receive. We prepare hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, punch, water and candy that is given out to everyone until we run out.

**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	Council District Staff Time	\$0	\$0
	Rec and Parks Staff Time	\$0	\$0
		\$	\$

6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	film production	\$0	\$800.00
	Food	\$1000.00	\$1500.00
		\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs)  No  Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$1000.00

10a) Start date: 06 / 18 / 18 10b) Date Funds Required: 06 / 29 / 18 10c) Expected Completion Date: 07 / 27 / 18  
 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

**SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?  
 Yes  No **\*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)**

**SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Jenise Lacy CFO  5/3/18  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Judy Sosobee Secretary  5/3/18  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) for instructions on completing this form

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: MAR 03 2004

101 ENTERPRISES FOUNDATION  
C/O JENISE LACY  
2208 VICTORIA AVE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90016

Employer Identification Number:  
02-0713867  
DLN:  
17053024752014  
Contact Person:  
JOSEPH R HERR ID# 31128  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
July 31  
Foundation Status Classification:  
509(a)(1)  
Advance Ruling Period Begins:  
September 10, 2003  
Advance Ruling Period Ends:  
July 31, 2008  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)



# Fresh Fruit on Fridays for Shenandoah Street Elementary School - \$4902 NPG

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-11

**Date:** May 17, 2018

**Proposed By:** Barry E. Levine

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## Full Proposal

Fresh Fruit on Friday provides a taste of some type of fresh produce. A short summary of it's nutritional value, the geography where it is grown, and something about the farmer is relayed over the intercom to all the students before the product is given out on the school yard. This is the sixth year for funding and the program is greatly appreciated by all at Shenandoah Street Elementary School.

The cost is \$4902.

## Proposed Motion.

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council will fund \$4902 for Fresh Fruit on Fridays at Shenandoah Street Elementary School. The program will run for nineteen weeks beginning in the spring of 2018.

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Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer

**Aimee Zeltzer**  
Secretary

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For:

Against:

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**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$2000  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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### Arguments for:

This is a good program to help fight childhood obesity in a community that is under served by other programs

This program educates students on good nutrition and healthy eating.

### Arguments against:

It uses money that could be used elsewhere and for other good causes

It only serves one group within SORONC

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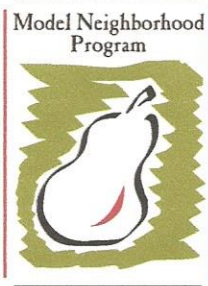
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## Model Neighborhood Program

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Email: [mnppfarmersmarkets@cox.net](mailto:mnppfarmersmarkets@cox.net)

Cynthia Ojeda, Executive Director  
Rosemary Wilson, President  
Carrie Miner, Secretary  
Mary MacVean, Treasurer

May 10, 2018

South Robertson Neighborhood Council  
P.O. Box #35836  
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Re; NPG Application Budget - Farm Fresh Fruit on Fridays

Dear Barry Levine,

Attached is the Model Neighborhood Program's 2018 NPG grant application and supporting documents for Farm Fresh Fruit on Fridays, to be provided to the students of Shenandoah Elementary during their 2018 school year.

South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORO) and the Model Neighborhood Program (MNP) have been collaborating on this community effort since 2007, and I want to thank you and the SORO board for your help in ensuring that the students of Shenandoah are provided with this farm-to-school nutrition program, fulfilled by participating farmers of the La Cienega Farmers' Markets.

On behalf of the MNP's board, I would like to thank you and the SORO board for your consideration of funding Farm Fresh Fruit on Fridays for its 11<sup>th</sup> year!

Best Wishes,

Cynthia Ojeda, Executive Director  
Model Neighborhood Program



**Los Angeles Unified School District**  
**Shenandoah Street Elementary**

2450 Shenandoah St., Los Angeles, CA 90034  
Phone: (310) 838-3142 Fax: (310) 842-9892

Vivian Ekchian  
*Interim Superintendent of Schools*

Cheryl Hildreth  
*Instructional Superintendent, LD West*

Joy Naval  
**Principal**

March 16, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Shenandoah Street Elementary would be happy to allow the La Cienega Farmers' Market to administer their Fresh Fruit on Fridays farm to school nutrition program at our school for the duration of their program. Provided they receive full funding, the program would operate for the estimated 20 weeks, between the months of March and June, returning from summer break in August until the end of the school year in December.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joy Naval".

Joy Naval  
Principal



## Model Neighborhood Program's

### Farm Fresh Fruit on Friday Sample Blurbs

#### **Satsumas**

Today the La Cienega Farmer's Market is bringing you Satsuma Tangerines. The tangerines are provided by Farmer Bob of Polito Family Farms. Polito Family Farms was started by Bob's parents in Valley Center, San Diego. He has been selling his citrus fruits at certified farmer's markets for over 30 years!

The history of the tangerine originates in Asia, but the word "tangerine" comes from the region of Morocco and means "small orange." Satsumas are considered to be the sweetest kind of tangerine, making them a very special treat!

Tangerines are full of Vitamin C and many other healthy vitamins. Remember, eating fresh fruit is a healthy way to snack, so enjoy your tangerine and know you're fueling your body naturally!

#### **Zucchini**

Today the La Cienega Farmers' Market is bringing you a special variety of FRUIT.... one that you're not used to thinking of as "fruit." It grows on vines that come from a squash plant. Today's fruit is a **zucchini!**

You'll be trying raw zucchini with some delicious ranch dressing. The zucchini was grown by Farmer McKay Smith at Smith Farms, located an hour south of us in Irvine. Squash plants produce so many squash, it's hard to keep up with picking them all. Most farmers pick them when they are small, but they can grow to be as long as a baseball bat! Zucchini is full of Vitamin C and fiber.

Just like the pilgrims and Indians celebrating the first Thanksgiving harvest, we are very thankful to the farmers who grow our food!

#### **Fuyu Persimmons**

Today's fruit is brought to you by farmer Ken Lee of Ken's Top Notch Organic Produce. Ken's Top Notch Farm is located in Reedley, California, which is 200 miles north of Los Angeles.

Fuyu Persimmons are native to Japan and were introduced to the United States in 1910. Persimmons have been cultivated in Asia for thousands of years and are just as popular as citrus fruits. The persimmon is Japan's national fruit.

Persimmons are shaped like tomatoes but are orange like pumpkins. They grow during the fall and winter months. To eat a persimmon, you bite into it just like you would an apple. They are very sweet & crunchy. They are full of Vitamin A and C, as well as fiber. Enjoy!

#### **Sugar Snap Peas**

Today's fruit is brought to you by farmer Raul Taborga of Denny's Organic Farm. Denny's Farm is located in Nipomo, California, which is almost 200 miles north of Los Angeles. Did you know sugar snap peas are a pod fruit? You do not have to shell snap peas. You eat the whole green pod with the peas inside at the same time!

Sugar snap peas were developed in 1979 by Calvin Lamborn. He was given a homework assignment to develop something that has the sweetness of peas without having to shell them. He crossed green shelling peas with snow peas and it created a sweet pea with an edible pod.

The sugar snap peas you are trying today are sweet and crunchy. They are full of Vitamin B & C, making them the healthiest Halloween treat!

## **Fuji Apples**

Today's fruit is brought to you by farmer John of Tenerelli Orchards. Farmer John's fruit orchards are located in Littlerock, California, which is located in Los Angeles County. Most of the fuji apples you eat throughout the year come from faraway places like Chili and Australia. The fuji apples you are trying today are the closest you will ever have, since they are grown within the same county you are in right now!

Fuji apples were developed in Japan in the 1930's. The name comes from the town in which they were developed and that town is called Fujisaki. There are different varieties of fuji apples and farmer John grows says the one he grows is the best of them all. They are each hand picked off the tree just for you!

The fuji apples you are trying are mostly a green-gold color. They are sweet and crispy. Apples are one of the healthiest & sweetest snacks... enjoy!

## **Carrots**

Today the La Cienega Farmers' Market is bringing you a special treat from our farmer Lillie with Gourmet Specialties. Gourmet Specialties is providing us with sweet carrots, but these aren't your average carrot. These carrots come in a variety of colors: purple, white or red.

Did you know that in Europe, during prehistoric times, the carrots that were growing wild were white in color? Later, in Afghanistan, some 5,000 years ago, carrots were purple and yellow! The orange carrot was developed from a yellow carrot back in the 17th Century in the Netherlands, because someone thought orange would be a better color. What do you think is a good color for a carrot?!

Today you'll be sampling either a white, purple, or red carrot. You'll find that these carrots are sweet and crunchy. Carrots are very high in Vitamin A, C and K, and are a good source of fiber and antioxidants. It's important to feed your body healthy foods and carrots are a very smart choice, even Bugs Bunny knows that! Enjoy!

## **Honey**

Today the La Cienega Farmers' Market is bringing you a special treat from our bee farmer Jerry with Jerry D's Bees. Today Jerry's Bees is providing us with honey sticks.

Did you know during winter an average bee hive has about 300-500 bees, but as many as 200,000 in spring and summer?! There are more bees in spring & summer because there are more flowers, and more flowers mean more honey for the bees to make.

There are three different kinds of bees in a beehive; the male bees are called Drones, the females are called Worker Bees, and the third is the Queen Bee. The Worker Bees are the bees we see going from flower to flower, collecting nectar and pollen. They carry the pollen back to the hive and the nectar is turned into delicious honey. Worker Bees visit up to 100 flowers each trip, truly making them busy bees!

## **Pluots**

Today the La Cienega Farmers' Market is bringing you Flavor Rich Pluots grown by farmer Arnulfo Garcia. Garcia Farms is located in Kingsburg, Fresno County.

Pluots were created 25 years ago right here in California! A farmer took pollen from a plum and an apricot tree, mixed them together in a process called cross-pollination, and created a new fruit. While pluots are a mix of plum and apricot, they look more like plums.

The pluot you will be sampling has deep purple skin. It is sweet on the inside and might have a little tang on the outside. To find out what color this plum is on the inside, take a bite! They are full of Vitamin A and C. Enjoy!

**Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



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1b) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Organization Mailing Address*                      *City*                                      *State*                                      *Zip Code*

1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (if different)*                      *City*                                      *State*                                      *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Name*                                      *Phone*                                      *Email*

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**  
 Public School (*not to include private schools*)      or       501(c)(3) Non-Profit (*other than religious institutions*)  
 Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead                      Attach IRS Determination Letter

3) \_\_\_\_\_ *Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)*                      *City*                                      *State*                                      *Zip Code*

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Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
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12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT Name Title Cynthia Ojeda Cynthia Ojeda 2018.05.11 16:19:09 -0700 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT Name Title Rosemary Wilson Digitally signed by Rosemary Wilson Date: 2018.05.11 16:19:52 -0700 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

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## Model Neighborhood Program

1242 Aldine Court, San Pedro, CA 90731 ~ Phone: 424-287-2280 ~ Fax: 424-287-2282

Email: [mnpfarmersmarkets@cox.net](mailto:mnpfarmersmarkets@cox.net)

Cynthia Ojeda, Executive Director  
Rosemary Wilson, President  
Carrie Miner, Secretary  
Mary MacVean, Treasurer

May 10, 2018

South Robertson Neighborhood Council  
P.O. Box #35836  
Los Angeles, CA 90035  
Re; NPG Application Budget - Farm Fresh Fruit on Fridays

Dear Sir or Madam;

The following is the Model Neighborhood Program's Neighborhood Empowerment Grant application budget for its farm-to-school nutrition program, Farm Fresh Fruit on Fridays, to be conducted at Shenandoah Elementary in the 2018 school year.

- Shenandoah Elementary Student Count, 430
  - Program cost per student, \$0.60
  - Program conducted for nineteen weeks.
- ✓ Cost per student multiplied by student count:  $.60 \times 430 = \$ 258.00$   
✓ Operating cost multiplied by 19 weeks:  $\$ 258.00 \times 19 = \$4,902.00$

**Total program cost, from June 6, 2018 to December 28, 2018: \$4,902.00**

The Model Neighborhood Program matches this grant throughout the program period with weekly administrative costs, delivery expenses, program materials and resources; contributing \$2,500 in matching funds.



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Office of Finance  
P.O. Box 53200  
Los Angeles CA 90053-0200

1801 S LA CIENEGA BLVD  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035-4641



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MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM 12968  
1242 ALDINE CT  
SAN PEDRO, CA 90731-3405

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE POSTED AT PLACE OF BUSINESS

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS GOOD UNTIL SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED

**BUSINESS TAX**

ISSUED: 4/21/2015

ACCOUNT NO.	FUND/CLASS	DESCRIPTION	STARTED	STATUS
0000020728-0001-2	L049	Professions/Occupations	1/1/2005	Active

MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM  
1242 ALDINE CT  
SAN PEDRO, CA 90731-3405

ISSUED TO

1801 S LA CIENEGA BLVD  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035-4641



ISSUED BY:

*Christine D. Christaugh*

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

ISSUED FOR TAX COMPLIANCE PURPOSES ONLY  
NOT A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR LAND USE AUTHORIZATION

FORM 2000 (Rev. 4/12) NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF FINANCE IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OR ADDRESS - Office of Finance, P.O. Box 53200, Los Angeles CA 90053-0200  
IMPORTANT - READ REVERSE SIDE

1/27/17 - Spoke with office of finance & was told that there is no requirement to refile, at this time

1. [Finance Tax Academy](#) ›
2. New Business Registration

# Business Types - No Registration Required

Certain business types are exempt from needing a Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC). If your business falls under any of these categories, you do not need to apply for a BTRC.

## **Airlines**

2.

1. Airlines-passenger/interstate air freight for businesses that deal in air commerce, which includes the transportation of passengers or property only

## **Bail Bonds**

1. Licensed bail bond agents/companies

## **Financial Institutions and Insurance**

1. Financial Institutions (Banks, Savings/Loans, etc.) for which "in lieu" taxes are paid to the State of California
2. Credit Unions
3. Insurance agents receiving a notice of appointment from insurance companies that pay "in lieu" taxes to the State of California (does not include insurance brokers)
4. Insurers - activities for which "in lieu" taxes are paid to the State of California

4.

## **Government Institutions or Activities**

1. Constitutionally exempt businesses, such as state government institutions
2. Government Agencies while carrying out governmental affairs
3. Court reporting/transcribing services performed under the control of a court of competent jurisdiction are treated like employees of the court

## **Not-For-Profit Businesses**

1. Non-profit businesses that qualify for 501 C3 exemptions with the Federal and State governments MUST apply for an exemption. To apply, click on the form below:



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati OH 45201

In reply refer to: 0248351232  
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% CYNTHIA OJEDA  
835 LOCUST AVE UNIT 420  
LONG BEACH CA 90813-5857

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Employer Identification Number: 95-4615739  
Person to Contact: Mr. Kelley  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your July 02, 2012, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in July 1997.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.



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835 LOCUST AVE UNIT 420  
LONG BEACH CA 90813-5857

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Doris P. Kenwright*

Doris Kenwright, Operation Mgr.  
Accounts Management Operations 1



# Motion to fund a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for \$4800 to SORO Community Foundation for the design, build and installation of four additional tree-well seating benches for South Robertson

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-12

**Date:** 5/17/18

**Proposed By:** Marjan Safinia

## Full Proposal

During 2017 SORO NC partnered with the SORO Community Foundation to conduct extensive community outreach (our largest outreach effort ever) to build a community-driven vision for the South Robertson corridor from Cadillac to Kincardine. As part of that vision, the community and businesses favored the idea of installing public seating options along the South Robertson corridor, encouraging people to walk, stop and enjoy the street, making it a more “complete street.”

This NPG is to fund the design, build and installation purchase of four additional tree-well seating benches, in addition to the benches that are being designed, built and installed by LA Mas as part of the Great Streets Build Grant. These funds will also include gravel ground cover for the tree wells. Tree-well bench seating is being piloted by the City in the South Robertson area, because of the community’s vision, the Mayor’s office support, and the Council Members’ enthusiasm for this project.

## Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund an NPG for \$4800 to the SORO Community Foundation in order to design, build and install four additional tree-well seating benches for South Robertson Boulevard as part of the Great Streets project.

## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 8 Against: 0

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$0

### Arguments for:

Builds on a huge community improvement project

Businesses on the corridor specifically requested this improvement

### Arguments against:

Cost.

Some believe we shouldn't install benches because of homeless people.

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1a)	SoRo Community Foundation	95-4756212	CA	8/10/2000
	<i>Organization Name</i>	<i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<i>State of Incorporation</i>	<i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	1836 1/2 South Robertson Blvd	Los Angeles	CA	90035
	<i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1c)	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Business Address (if different)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1d)	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:</b>			
	Laurence Demers	(310) 836-0340	larry@demersandassociates.com	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	
2)	<b>Type of Organization- Please select one:</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School <i>(not to include private schools)</i> <b>Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead</b>	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-Profit <i>(other than religious institutions)</i> <b>Attach IRS Determination Letter</b>	
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

In 2016 SORO Community Foundation was one of only three citywide recipients of the Mayor's Great Streets Build Grants. In 2017, with SORO NC's help, we conducted extensive outreach in order to create a community vision for the South Robertson corridor. The Great Streets grant is intended to kickstart projects, but relies on continued fundraising to fully realize the community's vision. This NPG is to purchase four additional tree-well seating benches to provide community seating along the corridor, in order to augment the total number tree-well benches to be installed along South Robertson in 2018.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

The grant will be used to design, build and install four additional tree-well seating benches along the South Robertson corridor as part of the Great Streets South Robertson project, providing the community a place to stop and gather as they walk a more desirable corridor, businesses an opportunity to attract additional attention to their storefronts, and the City of Los Angeles an opportunity to pilot the implementation of an important Complete Streets intervention.

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	Design, build and installation of four additional tree-well seating benches	\$4800	\$4800
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

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Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
Guaranteed investment from City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office	\$	\$
Great Streets Initiative	\$500,000	\$500,000

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Laurence DeMers \_\_\_\_\_ 5/17/18  
*PRINT Name Title Signature Date*

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 5/17/18  
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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: AUG 10 2000

SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS  
COUNCIL  
C/O SUSAN BURSK  
822 S ROBERTSON BLVD STE 102  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035

Employer Identification Number:  
95-4756212

DLN:

17053117005030

Contact Person:

JULIE Y. CHAN

ID# 95051

Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:  
June 30

Foundation Status Classification:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Advance Ruling Period Begins:  
July 8, 1999

Advance Ruling Period Ends:  
June 30, 2004

Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

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You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipients' names, addresses, purposes of awards, manner of selection, and relationship (if any) to members, officers, trustees or donors of funds to you, so that you can substantiate upon request by the Internal Revenue Service any and all distributions you made to individuals. (Revenue Ruling 56-304, C.B. 1956-2, page 306.)

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If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Steven T. Miller *Stu*  
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure(s):  
Form 872-C

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Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

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Secretary of State  
State of California GAD

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The undersigned certify that:

1. They are the president and the treasurer, respectively, of South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, a California corporation.
2. Article I of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended to read as follows: The name of the corporation is SORO Community Foundation Inc.
3. The foregoing amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was voted upon and has been approved by the Board of Directors.
4. The corporation has no members.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge.

Date: March 1, 2014

*Mary Earl*

Mary Earl, President

*Laurence R. DeMers.*

Laurence R. DeMers, Treasurer

**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)  
**South Robertson Neighborhood Association, Inc**

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box:  Individual/sole proprietor  Corporation  Partnership  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ .....  Exempt payee  
 Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)  
**1836 1/2 S Robertson Blvd**

City, state, and ZIP code  
**Los Angeles, CA 90035**

Requester's name and address (optional)

List account number(s) here (optional)

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number
<b>95 4756212</b>

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ *[Signature]* Date ▶ **10/29/2010**

**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

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Date: AUG 10 2000

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Employer Identification Number:  
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DLN:

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ID# 95051

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Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure(s):  
Form 872-C

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# Motion to fund a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for \$4800 to SORO Community Foundation for the purchase of four trees for South Robertson Blvd.

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-13

**Date:** 5/17/18

**Proposed By:** Marjan Safinia

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## Full Proposal

During 2017 SORO NC partnered with the SORO Community Foundation to conduct extensive community outreach (our largest outreach effort ever) to build a community-driven vision for the South Robertson corridor from Cadillac to Kincardine. As part of that vision, the community strongly favored the planting of trees.

This Neighborhood Purposes Grant is to fund the purchase of four additional trees to add to the new Chinese Elm trees already included in the Great Streets Build Grant. These trees (and other improvements) will begin to be installed on South Robertson in 2018.

## Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund an NPG for \$4800 to the SORO Community Foundation in order to purchase four additional trees for South Robertson Boulevard as part of the Great Streets project.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 8 Against: 0

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$0

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### Arguments for:

Builds on a huge community improvement project

Planting a tree is a gift for generations to come

### Arguments against:

Cost.

We're already going to plant some trees. Why do we need more?

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**Neighborhood Council Funding Program**  
**APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a)	SoRo Community Foundation	95-4756212	CA	8/10/2000
	<i>Organization Name</i>	<i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<i>State of Incorporation</i>	<i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	1836 1/2 South Robertson Blvd	Los Angeles	CA	90035
	<i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1c)	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Business Address (if different)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1d)	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:</b>			
	Laurence Demers	(310) 836-0340	larry@demersandassociates.com	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	
2)	<b>Type of Organization- Please select one:</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School <i>(not to include private schools)</i>	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-Profit <i>(other than religious institutions)</i>	
	<b>Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead</b>		<b>Attach IRS Determination Letter</b>	
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

In 2016 SORO Community Foundation was one of only three citywide recipients of the Mayor's Great Streets Build Grants. In 2017, with SORO NC's help, we conducted extensive outreach in order to create a community vision for the South Robertson corridor. The Great Streets grant is intended to kickstart projects, but relies on continued fundraising to fully realize the community's vision. This NPG is to purchase four additional mature Chinese Elm trees for the corridor, in order to augment the total number of trees to be planted along South Robertson in 2018.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

The grant will be used to plant trees along the South Robertson corridor, beautifying, greening and creating shade for the community for generations to come.



**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	<b>Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	<b>Non-Personnel Related Expenses</b>	<b>Requested of NC</b>	<b>Total Projected Cost</b>
	Purchase of four additional mature Chinese Elm Trees	\$4800	\$4800
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please list names of NCS: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs)  No  Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
Guaranteed investment from	\$	\$
City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office	\$	\$
Great Streets Initiative	\$500,000	\$500,000

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10a) Start date: 06 / 30 / 18 10b) Date Funds Required: 07 / 30 / 18 10c) Expected Completion Date: 12 / 01 / 18  
 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

**SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?  
 Yes  No **\*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)**

**SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED\*

Laurence DeMers \_\_\_\_\_ 5/17/18  
*PRINT Name Title Signature Date*

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*

\_\_\_\_\_ 5/17/18  
*PRINT Name Title Signature Date*

\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org) for instructions on completing this form

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Date: AUG 10 2000

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Employer Identification Number:  
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DLN:

17053117005030

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If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return. Because you will be treated as a public charity for return filing purposes during your entire advance ruling

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period, you should file Form 990 for each year in your advance ruling period that you exceed the \$25,000 filing threshold even if your sources of support do not satisfy the public support test specified in the heading of this letter.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipients' names, addresses, purposes of awards, manner of selection, and relationship (if any) to members, officers, trustees or donors of funds to you, so that you can substantiate upon request by the Internal Revenue Service any and all distributions you made to individuals. (Revenue Ruling 56-304, C.B. 1956-2, page 306.)

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

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Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Steven T. Miller *St*  
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure(s):  
Form 872-C

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# Motion to fund up to \$4950 for SORO NC Promotional Items

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-14

**Date:** 5/17/18

**Proposed By:** Marjan Safinia

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## Full Proposal

SORO NC has had great success with the use of branded promotional items to promote SORO NC to our stakeholder community. Items such as our tote bags, pens, keychain flashlights and first-aid kits have been a big hit with the community.

This motion proposed the purchase of additional promotional items: first aid kits; pens; and notepads, each carrying the SORO NC logomark and brand identity.

The attached document displays the items and proposed quantities. The motion asks for a little more than shown on the quote in order to ensure that taxes and shipping are included within the final quote from the vendor. This quote can always be adjusted up or down by individual units in order to stay within the funded amount.

## Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund up to \$4950 for printing materials for the SORO NC booth at the SoRo Festival

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 8 Against: 0

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$3000 (general outreach)

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### Arguments for:

Promotional items have been very successful drawing community

These items are durable and last for several years

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### Arguments against:

Cost.

Landfill.

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800.554.0127

Quote Request Confirmation

Order #439435

Order Date

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Estimated Delivery Date

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Your Account Manager

Jenn Powell

[jpowell@inkhead.com](mailto:jpowell@inkhead.com)

800.554.0127 x 813

Shipping To

Marjan Safinia  
9130 W 24th Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
United States of America



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Adhesive Notepad 3"x3"...	Item Number 2057		\$0.41	3500	\$1,435.00
Imprint Color	Green				
Side 1	Imprint Text				
Item Color	White				
Imprint Method	See Comments				
Production Type	Standard	05/31/2018			
Shipping Service Type	Ground				

Sub Total \$1,435.00

Tax (10%) \$143.50

Shipping To

Marjan Safinia  
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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Javelina Classic Pen	Item Number 1096		\$0.29	4500	\$1,305.00
Imprint Color	Green				
Side 1	Imprint Text				
Item Color	White/Green				

Imprint Method	Silk Screen		\$15.00	\$15.00
Ink Color	Black Ink			
Production Type	24 Hour	05/31/2018		
Shipping Service Type	Ground			
Number of Imprint Colors	1 Color			

**Sub Total \$1,320.00**

Tax (10%) \$132.00



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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
<b>Protect First Aid Kit</b>	Item Number 24157		\$2.10	800	\$1,680.00
Imprint Color	White				
Side 1	Imprint Text				
Item Color	Green, Lime Translucent				
Imprint Method	Silk Screen		\$55.00		\$55.00
Production Type	5 Day	WAIVE PROOF			
Shipping Service Type	Ground				

**Sub Total \$1,735.00**

Tax (10%) \$173.50

Sub Total	\$4,490.00
Discount	(\$0.00)
Shipping	\$0.00
Tax	\$449.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,939.00</b>
<b>ORDER BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,939.00</b>





# Motion to Adopt Finance Committee Proposed Modified Budget FY 2018.

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-15

**Date:** May 17, 2018

**Proposed By:** Jon Liberman

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## Background

The Finance Committee met on May 9, 2017 to come up with a proposed Modified Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. The modified budget reflects the decision by DONE that there will not be a NC election in FY 2018.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council hereby adopts the proposed modified budget of the Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2018.

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President

Ken Blaker  
Vice-President

Jon Liberman  
Treasurer

Beth Hirsch  
Secretary

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: -7-

Against: -0-

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$ n/a  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

### Arguments for:

1. The committee was comprised of Chairs of most NC committees.
2. The budget reflects the values of the NC.

### Arguments against:

1, none

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**\$42,000**                      **100.00%**

**Funds**  
**Total Annual Allocation**

**Budget**

Code	Category	notes	Total	
<b>100 Operations</b>				
AUD	Audio Visual	a	3800	
EDU	Training/Bd Retreat		350	
FAC	Facilities Related	b	6000	
MIS	Misc Expense	c	1380	
OFF	Office Equip/supplies		1200	
POS	Postage	d	220	
TAC	Temp Staff		0	
TAL	Translation/Transcription		0	
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>\$12,950</b>	<b>30.83%</b>
<b>200 Outreach</b>				
EVE	Town Hall		750	
ADV	Social Media/Surveys	e	2800	
MEE	Meeting Expense/Food		2400	
MIS	General Outreach		3000	
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>\$8,950</b>	<b>21.31%</b>
<b>300 Community Improvement</b>				
CIP	Trim Trees on Robertson		2000	
CIP	Hami Garden		500	
CIP	Car/Car Seat Event		2200	
CIP	Safety Expo		400	
CIP	NC Support -Congress/,Bud Adv		2000	
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>\$7,100</b>	<b>16.90%</b>
<b>400 Neighborhood Purpose Grants</b>				
NPG	Fresh Fruit on Friday		2000	
NPG	Sorofest 2018		10000	
NPG	Movies in the Park		1000	
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>30.95%</b>
<b>500 Elections</b>				
ELE	Election Outreach Expense		0	
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>0%</b>
 <b>Grand Total</b>			 <b>\$42,000</b>	 <b>100.00%</b>

Notes

- a web site
- b Mtg Space \$1000, Pub Storage \$5000
- c Bus Cards \$900, Vonage \$480
- d PO Box
- e Social Media \$2000, Sorofest Survey \$300, Reynier Park Survey \$500



# Motion to reimburse Board Members for items paid with Board Members Funds

**Agenda Item:** - GB051718-16

**Date:** May 17, 2018

**Proposed By:** Jon Liberman

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## Background

Last fiscal year (2016-2017) our Neighborhood Council had six transactions where three Board Members had used their funds and sought reimbursement. The board approved the reimbursements and City checks were issued to reimburse the three Board Members (Doug Fitzsimmons, Beth Hirsch and Adam Rich). By the time the checks were received by the member and presented to their respective financial institutions the City had swept the funds from our bank account into the city's General Fund and the six checks were not honored due to a "NSF" in that account. The total of these six checks is \$325.86. The City has already put that amount back into our current FY budget. However we need to complete Board Action Certification to authorize this reimbursement.

In addition, one Board Member's financial institution charged fees of \$36 for the transaction. I am requesting that we authorize reimbursement of the \$36 fee charges to that Board Member.

Lastly, I had to use my card to purchase \$130.42 worth of food for an authorized event. This amount was budgeted and previously approved by the Board. However the City Clerk is now requiring that any transactions involving Board Members require two Board Action Certifications. One when the items are authorized and one when the member seeks reimbursement.

If the Board approves this motion the net budgetary effect is \$36 as all other amounts are budgeted and funds are available in our account.

## Proposed Motion

- I. Adam Rich be reimbursed \$25.16.
- II. Beth Hirsch be reimbursed \$79.37.
- III. Doug Fitzsimmons be reimbursed \$257.33
- IV. Jon Liberman be reimbursed \$130.42.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For:

Against:

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**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$456.28  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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**Arguments for:**

1. Fundamental fairness to Board Members who advanced their funds in the expectation of prompt reimbursement.

**Arguments against:**

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1 None.



# Motion to Adopt Finance Committee Proposed Budget FY 2019.

**Agenda Item:** GB051718-17  
**Date:** May 17, 2017  
**Proposed By:** Jon Liberman

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## Background

The Finance Committee met on May 9, 2018 to come up with a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019. This will be a preliminary budget based on the assumptions that the NC will receive the same amount of funding for the coming fiscal year as they did in fiscal year 2018. The budget also assumes that there will be a NC election in FY 2019. Should either assumption not come through this proposed budget would need revision.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council hereby adopts the proposed budget of the Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2019.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: -7- Against: -0-  
*(highly recommended)*

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$ n/a  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

### Arguments for:

1. The committee was comprised of Chairs of most NC committees.
2. The budget reflects the values of the NC.

### Arguments against:

1, none

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<b>Funds</b>		<b>\$42,000</b>		<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Total Annual Allocation</b>				
 <b>Budget</b>				
Code	Category	<b>Total</b>		
	<b>100 Operations</b>			
AUD	Audio Visual	0		
EDU	Training/Bd Retreat	0		
FAC	Facilities Related	0		
MIS	Misc Expense	6000		
OFF	Office Equip/supplies	0		
POS	Postage	0		
TAC	Temp Staff	0		
TAL	Translation/Transcription	0		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>		<b>14.29%</b>
	<b>200 Outreach</b>			
EVE	Town Hall	750		
ADV	Social Media	2000		
ADV	Website	3800		
ADV	JotForm	400		
MEE	Meeting Expense/Food	2650		
MIS	General Outreach	2000		
EVE	Speaker Series	3000		
EVE	CPR Training	2200		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$16,800</b>		<b>40.00%</b>
	<b>300 Community Improvement</b>			
CIP	Community Improvements	4000		
CIP	Hami Garden	500		
CIP	Car Seat Event	300		
CIP	Safety Expo	400		
CIP	NC Support -Congress/,Bud. Adv	1000		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>		<b>14.76%</b>
	<b>400 Neighborhood Purpose Grants</b>			
NPG	Fresh Fruit on Friday	2000		
NPG	Sorofest 2019	5000		
NPG	Movies in the Park	1000		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>		<b>19.05%</b>
	<b>500 Elections</b>			
ELE	Election Outreach Expense	5000		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>		<b>11.90%</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>		<b>100.00%</b>