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# Motion to support AB 446: indefinite extension of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act <br> Agenda Item: GB052115-2 <br> Date: <br> 21 May 2015 <br> Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons 

## Background

See attached background information about California Assembly Bill 446, sponsored by Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.

## Proposed Motion

SORO NC supports the passage of California Assembly Bill 446, which would eliminate the January 1, 2018 repeal date of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act.

## Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: n/a Against:
(highly recommended)Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:\$
(applies to funding motions only)

## Arguments for:

Allow for the continuation of the implementation of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's master plan and the agency to accomplishment its statutory mission.

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The Baldwin Hills Conservancy is only one of two conservancies in the state to have a sunset date.

# Assembly Bill 446 

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
INTRODUCED 02.19.2015
Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley-Thomas $54^{\text {th }}$ District

## SUMMARY

AB 446 would extend the operation of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy indefinitely. Specifically, this bill would delete the Conservancy's January 1, 2018, repeal date.

## BACKGROUND

The Baldwin Hills is located six miles from downtown Los Angeles and four miles from the Pacific Ocean in one of the most densely populated urban areas in the state. Based on U.S. census data collected in 2010, and acreage totals compiled within a five-mile radius of the park, the communities in and around the Baldwin Hills are quantifiably park poor, with only one acre per thousand residents; the region falls far below the National Recreation and Parks Association standard of six acres per thousand residents.

Neighborhoods populated by minorities and recent immigrants are especially short of park space. In Los Angeles, white neighborhoods enjoy 31.8 acres of park space for every 1,000 people, compared with 1.7 acres in African-American neighborhoods and 0.6 acres in Latino neighborhoods. Because of the disproportionate burden of chronic disease that affects minority communities it is essential that urban open space is promoted and protected. Studies show that people who have access to open space and public parks exercise more. Regular physical activity has been shown to improve both physical and mental health by reducing the risk of a wide range of diseases,
including heart disease, hypertension, colon cancer, and diabetes and relieving symptoms of depression and anxiety.

With the lack of urban open space and public parks accessible to minority communities, the protection of Baldwin Hills has become the centerpiece of a legacy for park equity in urban Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills Conservancy has led the acquisition and park development effort in Baldwin Hills by adopting the Baldwin Hills Master Plan, increasing the public parklands by 33\% through acquisitions, and implementing plans for over 25 key projects focused on increasing public access and development of facilities. Through leveraged local resources averaging about $\$ 10$ million a year, about half of the open space in the territory is protected along with miles of new trails, acres of habitat, and a series of multi-benefit open space amenities. With the Conservancy's continued application of innovative acquisition and planning strategies, Baldwin Hills will ultimately offer a world-class range of active and passive recreation opportunities for park visitors while providing new opportunities for education and stewardship of the adjacent ecological resources.

The elimination of the Conservancy's sunset date is essential for the continuation of the master plan's implementation and the accomplishment of the agency's statutory mission. Removing the sunset date will allow the Conservancy to capitalize on current progress directly benefiting the public and to execute new and existing fiscal plans and projects pursuant to: (1) Proposition 40, California Clean Water,

Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; (2) Proposition 84, the Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2006; and (3) Proposition 1, the Water Quality Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Dedicated allocations of bond funds under the aforementioned propositions remain available for expenditure exclusively by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Therefore, if there is no certainty that the Conservancy will exist beyond 2018, multi-year projects that are supported by the bond funds would be in jeopardy.

## EXISTING LAW

- Section 32555 of the Public Resources Code establishes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and to provide recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational uses within the area.
- Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code provides that the Conservancy's authorization will sunset on January 1, 2018 unless deleted or extended.


## THIS BILL

This bill would:

- Allow for the continuation of the implementation of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's master plan and the agency to accomplishment its statutory mission.
- Ensure that the bond funding, approved by the voters, allocated for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy is
administered effectively for the public benefit.
- Protects urban open space to ensure that the diverse population served by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has access to public parks, which improves physical and mental health.


## Similar Legislation

AB 392, (Atkins) 2015, San Diego River Conservancy, would delete the January 1, 2020, repeal date, thereby extending the operation of the San Diego River Conservancy indefinitely. The San Diego River Conservancy and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy are the only conservancies in the state that have a sunset date. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy that were established after the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and San Diego River Conservancy do not have a sunset date.

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# Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas 

February 23, 2015

An act to repeal Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST
AB 446, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Baldwin Hills Conservancy. The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act establishes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency to, among other things, acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and provide recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational uses within the area. Existing law provides that the act will remain in effect until January 1, 2018.

This bill would eliminate the January 1, 2018, repeal date, thereby extending the operation of the act indefinitely.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code is 2 repealed.
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# Motion to support City Council files 150389, 15-0524, and 12-1681: NC presentation time, inclusion of CIS, funds to City departments, rollover funds, accept donations, review DONE responsibilities, streamline processes, NC subdivision policy 

Agenda Item: GB052115-3
Date: 21 May 2015
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

## Background

Over the course of 30 public meetings held in 2013, a citywide group of NC representatives made a number of recommendations to improve the Neighborhood Council system. SORO formally endorsed those recommendations, although only a few were enacted at the time by the City Council.

Now, the Council's Education and Neighborhoods Committee-under the new leadership of Council President Wesson-is taking a look at some of the remaining recommendations, specifically:

## Council File 15-0389

- Allow Neighborhood Council representatives sufficient time to present their NC's official view to the City Council, committees, commissions, and boards.


## Council File 15-0524

- City agendas should include the full text of NC Community Impact Statements (CIS).
- Allow Neighborhood Council representatives 5 minutes to present their NC's official view to the City Council, committees, commissions, and boards before general public comment.
- NCs should be allowed to provide funds to City departments
- Process by which NCs may rollover funds to the next fiscal year
- Allow NCs to accept donations and gifts
- Analyze roles and responsibilities of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to increase the efficiency of the department and the independence of each NC
- Study to streamline NC processes, including financial and compliance documents


## Council File 12-1681

- Creates process by which an NC could subdivide and/or adjust their boundaries to better represent their communities.



## Proposed Motion

SORO NC supports the immediate passage of Council files 15-0389 (superseding the equivalent language in 15-0524), 15-0524 (except as noted), and 12-1681.

## Considerations

Committee review:<br>(highly recommended)

## Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$ <br> (applies to funding motions only)

## Arguments for:

Arguments against:
These are all sensible recommendations from the NC Plan Review and Reform Initiative that would strengthen the NC system.

In 1999, the City Charter established the Neighborhood Council System, to connect government with the community and "to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs ..." (Charter Section 900). In recent years however, Neighborhood Councils have increasingly expressed dissatisfaction with how they are included in policy discussions and often feel left out of the decision making process entirely.

Community participation in City Council meetings in the form of public testimony is an important tool for constituents to voice their opinions regarding a wide variety of issues. For some members of the public, this is the best opportunity they have to speak directly to their Council member. Individuals are typically allowed one or two minute increments to give testimony, these time limits also apply to representatives from the City's Neighborhood Council system.

As stated in the Council Rules, "The Presiding Officer may exercise discretion in determining the duration of speakers' comments based upon factors such as the length of the agenda or substance of the agenda items, the number of public comment speaker cards submitted, the need for the Council to conclude its business as expeditiously as is practicable, and whether the Council is in danger of losing a quorum."

Nonetheless, Neighborhood Council representatives have expressed a need for more time when addressing the Council to fully explain their thoughts, ideas and opinions regarding decisions to be made on projects that directly affect their communities

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and in consultation with interested Neighborhood Councils, be requested to report with options, including possible amendment to the Council Rules, allowing for official representatives of Neighborhood Councils or Neighborhood Council Alliances to address the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and boards with sufficient time to present the official view of their Neighborhood Council Boards or Alliances.


April 1, 2015

PRESENTED BY

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Neighborhood Councils (NCs) are a priority for the City Council. Since their inception in 1999, the City Council has understood the value that NCs bring to the City and the responsibility the City has to help the growth and involvement of NCS in the daily exercise of City government. The success and functionality of NCs are an important element of our democratic society, and are essential to ensuring a transparent and responsive City government.

In December 2012, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) initiated a thorough review of the Plan for a Citywide System of NCs (Plan). The Commission created three standing committees comprised of NC leaders that represented forty of the City's ninety-six NCs and the following regions: 1) North/South Valley, 2) Central/East/Northeast, and 3) Harbor/South/West. In June 2013, after much discussion and consensus building, these committees jointly submitted seventeen recommendations to the Commission on the Plan. The Commission prioritized some of those recommendations:

1. City agendas should include the full text of the NCs brief Community Impact Statement (CIS), with links to any background materials that were provided as support. Any time a CIS is removed from a subsequent agenda, the City Clerk will notify the affected NC.
2. Official NC or NC Alliance representatives addressing the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and boards should be granted up to five minutes of presentation time separate from general public comment, to present the official view of the NC Board or Alliance. NCs should receive priority as City entities and be called for comment before general public comment (see Motion (Wesson-Krekorian), C.F. No. 15-0389).
3. NCs should be allowed to provide funds to City departments provided that it benefits NC stakeholders, and the department provides documentation stating the need of such support. The transfer must also be accompanied by an MOU, agreement, or a form similar to a neighborhood purposes grant.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) be instructed to submit a report on the priority recommendations as set forth above, which resulted from a thorough review of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (NCs).

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to review a rollover policy for NC budget allocations where NC allocations do not revert at the end of the Fiscal Year, and determine: (a) the appropriate amount of funds to rollover; (b) the type of project that would qualify for rollover funds; (c) the application and approval process; and (d) the deadlines to complete an approved project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Commission, with the assistance of DONE and the City Attorney, report on the following: 1) the reinstatement of the previous ordinance (see Ordinance No. 179,545, see also Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.814), which granted authority to DONE and NCs to accept gifts, and granted authority to the City Treasurer to establish checking accounts for the Neighborhood Councils under the City's existing banking contract, but has since been repealed pursuant to a three year repeal provision contained in the Ordinance; or 2) the creation of a new donation acceptance policy with no repeal provisions; and 3) DONE's personnel requirements to implement this policy.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of DONE, perform an analysis of the roles and responsibilities of DONE personnel, specifically
what the impacts are if job descriptions are changed to provide employees with greater flexibility in their responsibilities to ensure that DONE's highest priorities are met. As well as areas where the transfer of the responsibility of certain functions directly to NC boards may increase the efficiency of the department and independence of individual neighborhood councils.

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Manager of DONE, report back in two weeks to the Education \& Neighborhoods Committee relative to their efforts to streamline certain processes that NCs must adhere to, including accounting requirements and submission of compliance documents.


## MIOTION

The Plan for a Citywide system of neighborhood councils first approved by the City Council in May 2001, serves as the authority - derived from the City Charter - for all certified City Neighborhood Council policies and practices. Its stated primary objective is to "promote public participation in City governance and decision-making process with the end goal being that City government should become more responsive to local needs and requests."

Since the adoption of neighborhood councils it has guaranteed any certified City neighborhood council the right to petition the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to adjust its boundaries, by increasing or reducing its size to increase effectiveness and efficiency. However, no policy or specific process is currently outlined for the exercise of that right to petition.

There is a need to allow neighborhood councils that same the capability to petition for a boundary adjustment at the same time the Commission considers new council certification for the area being removed if desired at the grass roots level; so long as no orphaned area would be created and the emerging neighborhood council(s) remained in compliance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Office of the City Attorney and with input from the Commission, to report back in 90 days on the current policy and to look at potential policy changes whereby neighborhood councils might exercise their right under the Neighborhood Council system to petition the Commission for a "subdivision" or to otherwise adjust their boundaries, in order to increase/reduce their size for the purposes of better representation.

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# Motion for support of a Ten Unit Small Lot Sub-division 9218-9228 West National Blvd., Los Angeles 90034. <br> Agenda Item: <br> GB052115-6 <br> Date: <br> Proposed By: Terrence Gomes 

## Background

WCH Communities is proposing a ten unit small lot sub-division at 9218-9228 West National Blvd., Los Angeles 90034. Each unit will be three stories, have one compact and one full-size parking space. The project will have two guest parking spaces for the use of all ten units.

The applicant is asking for the SORONC to support the SLSD at 9218-9228 West National Blvd., Los Angeles 90034. Plans and drawings can be reviewed at: https://db.tt/bygJPRVm

## Proposed Motion

SORO NC should adopt the following:
I. The SORONC supports the application for the WCH Communities project of ten small lot sub-division homes at 9218-9228 West National Blvd., Los Angeles 90034.

## Considerations

Committee review: $\quad$ Votes For: $5 \quad$ Against: 0
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:
Adds additional housing stock for the community.


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# NPG $(\$ 5,000)$ to Support Underprivileged SORO Residents Get Counseling 

Agenda Item: GB052115-7<br>Date:<br>Proposed By: Kevin Gres

## Background

The Ness Counseling Center, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian outpatient counseling service agency that provides a full range of life enhancing services, including, but not limited to, individual and family counseling, drug and alcohol treatment (DEJ, PC 1000 and PROP 36) programs, drug assessments and testing, parenting classes, monitored exchange and visitation, domestic violence/anger management group sessions, and hate crime educational classes in the greater Los Angeles area, specifically in the SORO area. They are committed to providing the best professional counseling services by working closely with clients and certifying government agencies, developing and implementing the most effective cognitive approaches, creating customized treatment plans, and promoting learning and personal growth.

Dennis Brown, (NCACII, CADC II, , MA, IC\&RC ) has been in the field of counseling for the past 30+ years serving as the Executive Director of The NESS Counseling Center, Inc. since 1996. He has Specialized Certification and titles in the following areas: Addictions Specialist, Sexual Addictions, Domestic Violence, Criminal Justice Services, Chaplain with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Employee Support Services

Dennis is and has been recognized and well known throughout the years for his approach of focusing on and servicing the whole person. He is well known throughout the community at large for his professionalism and ethically sound support and has continued to offer this support to any and all who have sought his assistance.

The philosophy of The NESS Counseling Center Inc, is based on two fundamental beliefs utilizing an integrated treatment modality that provides both treatment and recovery. The first of their beliefs is the need to address the whole person, for all behaviors are linked to and reflective of what is going on internally. The second belief is that all individuals in addition to being provided with the necessary counseling services, also needs healthy modeling and support to better ensure success in establishing and maintaining long term recovery. It is the belief of Dennis Brown; program Executive Director that based on the more intensive scope of counseling, to implement this model they must primarily combine individualized treatment plans and thorough cognitive approaches. They pride themselves on

welcoming any and all individuals who believe that they can benefit from their services offered to join their program, regardless of race, religion, creed, or sexual orientation.

## Proposed Motion

SORONC hereby approves this Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of $\$ 5,000$ to The Ness Counseling Center, in order to help subsidize low income individuals and families in need, who, without this grant, could not otherwise obtain the necessary counseling.

## Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended) $\quad$ Votes For: Against:

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

Arguments for:
First argument in favor: This will help people in SORO who want or need counseling, who otherwise cannot afford it, get counseling.

Arguments against:
First argument against the motion: I rather the money not get spent (and go back to the city) then help SORO residents get counseling.

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. The Neighborhood Council (NC), upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant:


| The NESS Counseling Center, Inc. | 95-4617833 | California | 12/02/09 |
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| Organization Name | Federall.D. \#(EIN\#) | State of incorporation | Date of $501(c)(3)$ <br> Status (if applicable |
| 8512 Whitworth Drive | Los Angeles | California | 90035 |
| Organization Mailing Address | City | State | Zip Code |

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$\overline{\text { Business Address (If different) }} \overline{\text { City }} \overline{\text { State }}$

1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Dennis Brown Director
(310) 360-8512
Phone Email
2) Type of Organization Please select one:
$\square$ Public School (not to include private schools) or Atach Grant Request on School Letterhead
501 (c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions) Attach IRS Determination Letter
3) Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (Hi applicable)

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

We are a community based, non-profit, outpatient counseling center. We have been at this location for the past twenty (20) years.
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)

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7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
NoYes, please list names of NOs:
8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe:

| Source of Funding | Amount | Total Projected Cost |
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9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application:

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10c) Expected completion date:
10b) Date Funds Required: follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

## SECHONIV - POLENTA CONFLICTS OFINTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?
No

- Yes - Please describe below:

| Name of NC Board Member | Relationship to Applicant |
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11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before
filing this application? $\quad$ 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 Department will deny the payment of this grant in it entirety.)

## SECTOR V-DECEARAIONAMD 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 Appendix $A$, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed projects) 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 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*


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

## PRINT Name



* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the Department at (213) 978-1551 for instructions on completing this form

| From: | Kevin Gres [kevingres@gmail.com](mailto:kevingres@gmail.com) |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, Arril 29,20153:58 PM |
| To: | Dennis Brown |
| Subject: | SORO-NPG |

Dennis:

Below is the link to the 2 page document to fill out. I would request $\$ 4,500-\$ 5000$. The more itemized you can make the request, the better.

Assuming I get all the paperwork by May 8,2015, we can have it agendized for the General Board Meeting on May 21, 2015.

In addition to the two page application, please send me the following documents:
(1) IRS Determination Letter of your 501 (c)(3) status;
(2) W-9; and
(3) Business Tax Registration Certificate (or letter of exemption)/

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime.
http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/NPG-Application-1-26-15-finall.pdf
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## Partil Certification

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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.
Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it is at wwu.irs, gov/fws.

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An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-1NT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
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- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W -9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a T7N, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.
By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
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Dear Taxpayer:
This is in response to your Dec. 02, 2009, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that your organization was recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in June 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 Cade.

Beginning with the organization's sixth taxable year and all succeeding years, it must meet one of the public support tests under section \(170(b)(1)(A)(v i)\) or section \(509(a)(2)\) as reported on Schedule A of the Form 990. If your organization does not meet the public support test for two consecutive years, it is required to fille Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation, for the second tax year that the organization failed to meet the support test and will be reclassified as a private foundation.

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




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\title{
Motion to approve fiscal year 2015-16 SORO NC budget \\ Agenda Item: GB052115-8 \\ Date: \\ 21 May 2015 \\ Proposed By: Terrence Gomes
}

\section*{Full Proposal}

The individual NC allocation for FY 2015-16 is projected to be \(\$ 42,000\), a \(\$ 5,000\) increase from last year. The City's fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

At the May 3 Finance Committee meeting, attendees unanimously approved the attached draft budget and strategic plan.

Note that our official budget for DONE breaks down our expenditures within five categories: 100 Operations, 200 Outreach, 300 Community Improvement, 400 Neighborhood Purpose Grants, and 500 Elections.

\section*{Proposed Motion}
I. To approve the attached FY 2015-16 budget and strategic plan for submission to DONE.

\section*{Considerations}

Committee review: \(\quad\) Votes For: \(8 \quad\) Against: 0 (highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:
Arguments against:

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South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 APPROVED on


\section*{Strategic Plan 2015-16}

\section*{The Big Vision}

To build SORO into a neighborhood recognized for its strong and inclusive community spirit; safe, walkable, tree-lined streets; and vibrant business districts.

\section*{The Big Goals}
1) To constantly improve our ability to reach stakeholders
2) To reinforce SORO identity via permanent SORO NC street medallions.
3) To increase our policy advocacy and presence in City Hall.
4) To develop and seek additional funds for a transportation plan for our arterial streets to channel traffic flow and maximize walkability and commercial attractiveness.
5) To foster a healthy, co-operative business community and encourage new businesses.
6) To provide increased services and guidance to the SORO LGBTQ community.
7) To guide the redevelopment process at Robertson Recreation Center.
8) To plant additional trees in the neighborhood.
9) To increase overall safety within SORO.
10) To better educate our residents on first aid and emergency response procedures.
11) To support our schools via healthy food initiatives, policy advocacy, and mentorship programs.
12) To educate our community about sustainable environmental and water practices.
13) To work to increase voter turnout within our NC.

\section*{The Big Solutions}
1) Outreach:
a. Complete planned upgrades to the SORO NC website to make it easier to use and mobile-friendly.
b. Better distribute communication/publishing duties to increase our ability to share information with the public.
c. Increase our Facebook ad spend to reach stakeholders who are unaware of the NC.
d. Secure additional funding from the Council offices for the medallion/banner program.
e. Expand outreach efforts for community events, including the annual SoRo Festival.
f. Increase millennial involvement within the NC and our community.
g. Hold regular community events to broaden the reach of the NC.
h. Support the NC system and its role within the City.
2) Transportation planning:
a. Work with the Council offices and City departments to find additional funds for traffic projects.
b. Participate in early planning of 10 Freeway ramp reconfiguration.
c. Develop a Complete Streets proposal for South Robertson
d. Complete a bike survey.
e. Advocate for additional public transportation in our area, including a DASH line to Century City.
3) Economic development:
a. Revitalize the SOROCard program. Spin off website?
b. Hold gatherings of local business leaders.
c. Research and find funding for improved trash cans on major streets.
d. Research and find funding for lighting trees along Robertson.
e. Encourage the creation of an employment program for SORO residents.
4) Green team:
a. Find partner to help with tree procurement/planning.
b. Increase awareness of sustainable practices.
c. Continue to take a strong environmental advocacy role within the City.
d. Schedule regular e-waste drives.
5) Public Safety:
a. Expand neighborhood watch programs.
b. Help Neighborhood Associations to offer group security services.
c. Sponsor training courses in first aid and emergency preparedness.
d. Work with LAPD and LAFD to better communicate community concerns and LAPD/LAFD efforts.
e. Recruit volunteers for annual Homeless Count.
f. Collaborate with City and local resources to create revised SORO emergency plan.
6) Community services:

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a. Recommend and support new community programs at the Robertson Rec Center.
b. Participate in Robertson Rec Center planning and help establish a private development fund.

\section*{The Big Score}
1) Website: increase overall traffic by \(10 \%\) with the majority of new visitors coming via mobile.
2) Contacts: increase the number of contacts on Facebook by \(25 \%\) and in our email database by \(10 \%\)
3) Social Media Presence: establish an active Instagram account and encourage committees to tweet more frequently.
4) Meetings: increase attendance at meetings by \(10 \%\)
5) Public Events: increase attendance at the SoRo Festival by 5\%; Movies In the Park by 10\%; Peace Picnic by 5\%
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\title{
Motion to require committee, nonBoardmembers to take required City training
}

Agenda Item:
GB052115-9
Date:
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

\section*{Background}

Stakeholders and Boardmembers of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) community depend on the decisions that are determined at the committee level for actions taken at the Board level. For greater transparency, and for the community at large to trust the decisions of the committees of the SORONC, all voting committee members should be required to follow all state and local laws governing SORONC Boardmembers and be required to take all mandated training as prescribed by the City Council of Los Angeles, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The current required training includes:
1. Code of Conduct
2. Boardmember Financial Training
3. Ethics Training

\section*{Proposed Motion}

SORONC moves:
I. All voting committee members of the SORONC committees will be required to take the three mandated trainings, Code of Conduct, Board fiscal training, and ethics training, before the next meeting of the committee that they hold membership in to actively participate and vote in those committees.
II. All voting committee members of the SORONC committees will be required to take any additional training required by ordinance or governing body.

\section*{Considerations}
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\title{
Motion to Create New Standing Committee, Quality of Life \\ Agenda Item: GB052115-10 \\ Date: \\ 5/21/2015 \\ Proposed By: Beth Hirsch
}

\section*{Full Proposal}

In the past few years, a poor economy and lack of revenue had forced the City to significantly cut funding and staff to departments such as Building and Safety, Fire and Police departments, Animal Services, Public Works and other City inspectors. The economy has improved lately and has allowed for budget and staff to be added back to many of these departments, plus added staff to the City Attorney's Office and more neighborhood prosecutors. This creates the perfect opportunity to help some of our long suffering members of the community get some much needed relief on issues such as:
- Vacant properties
- Extreme hoarders
- Illicit businesses
- Nuisance neighbors
- Street cleaning and repairs
- Issues related to homelessness
- Building and Safety issues
- Parking
- Sanitation
and many more that have piled high and gone unchecked since the downturn. SORO's Public Safety and Land Use Committees, who usually handle these issues, have become inundated with new land development, an uptick in neighborhood crime and an increased task load related to emergency preparedness and other matters. This has made it difficult to fit some these items on the committee agendas or give them the full attention the community has been asking for.

\section*{Proposed Motion}

Create a new standing committee that would meet monthly, or as needed, and would be made of up of mostly community members that have expressed interest in tackling quality of life deficits in their neighborhoods. They would be aided with the support and guidance of our Board and other relevant City of LA and County representatives that would work together to solve some of these issues.
Committee review: Votes For: \(0 \quad\) Against:

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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:
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\section*{Considerations}

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Arguments for:
Will increase SORONC's ability to outreach to community members who need help and build bridges between community members and city departments in a productive way.

\section*{Arguments against:}

Some issue could become quagmires and need long term care and attention. Privacy issues regarding cases involving individuals will need to be strictly adhered to.


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\title{
Printing for SoRo Fest 2015, \$325
}

\section*{Agenda Item: GB052115-11}

Date: 5/21/15
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

\section*{Full Proposal}

SoRo Festival remains our single largest outreach opportunity. With a large, visible booth in the middle of the festival layout, SORO NC attracts substantial attention.

We need to refresh some of our large-scale printing for display, including two new posters to reflect updated activities and committees, and cling stickers to rewards the Green Citizen recipients.

\section*{Proposed Motion}
I. That SORO NC fund \(\$ 325\) for costs associated with printing for the 2015 SoRo Festival.

\section*{Considerations}

Committee review:
Votes For: 0
Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: 1000 total
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\title{
Motion to contribute \$500 each (\$1000 total) for the NC Congress and Budget Advocates
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Agenda Item: \\ GB052115-12 \\ Date: \\ 21 May 2015 \\ Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons
}

\section*{Full Proposal}

\section*{Budget Advocates}

One of the primary purposes of the NC system—per the City Charter-is to provide feedback and guidance to the Mayor on the development of the City budget.

The NC budget advocates conduct extensive interviews with City departments, conduct a City-wide survey, and issue a comprehensive report each year. This year, they are soliciting financial support from the NCs to support their mission.

\section*{NC Congress}

Each year, a dedicated group of volunteers organizes the NC Congress, a full-day event featuring training topics and opportunities to network with other NC members and City staff.

SORO NC has participated in this valuable event in past years.

\section*{Proposed Motion}
I. To contribute \(\$ 500\) to the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates
II. To contribute \(\$ 500\) to the 2015 Neighborhood Council Congress

\section*{Considerations}

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

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

\section*{Arguments for:}

Both are worthy functions of the NC system

\section*{Arguments against:}

There may be other priorities within the community.


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\title{
Motion to recommend an ordinance requiring recreational vehicles and campers to have and display a 72-hour parking pass on City Streets \\ Agenda Item: GB052115-14 \\ Date: \\ 21 May 2015 \\ Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons
}

\section*{Background}

The NC has received innumerable complaints over the years about RVs and campers parked on City streets, particularly in residential areas.

Other municipalities have adopted ordinances that require RVs and campers to be parked on private property. Some also allow for the issuance of temporary permits to accommodate loading and unloading, short-term guests, etc. Examples from Calabasas are attached.

The motion proposes a similar ordinance for Los Angeles that would allow for temporary permitted parking only.

Unfortunately, many of the RVs serve as a primary residence. The motion also proposes the development of a formal system of overnight parking for RVs at designated City parking lots. Fees collected from permits could be used to fund security, clean up, etc.

\section*{Proposed Motion}

SORO NC recommends that the City of Los Angeles develop an ordinance that stipulates the following:
I. Bans overnight parking of unpermitted recreational vehicles (RVs), campers, and utility trailers on City streets.
II. Allows residents to purchase up to eight 72-hour parking permits per year for such vehicles. These permits authorize the vehicle to park in front of his or her residence or place of business. At no time may anyone reside in the vehicle overnight or run water, waste or power to the vehicle over a public right of way.
III. The parking permit should include the day(s) the pass is valid, license number of the vehicle, the date of issuance, and the street and closest cross street of the applicant. The pass shall be displayed in the vehicle in such a way as to be clearly visible to traffic enforcement.
IV. Establishes a system of designated City parking lots in which unpermitted RVs may park overnight without cost. Rules for sound control, cooking, etc. should be developed to mitigate impact on nearby homes and businesses.
V. The lots should be as evenly distributed throughout the City as practicable and be regularly patrolled by LAPD. A City contact number should be prominently displayed at each location to handle complaints and dispatch emergency response if necessary. Each location must be regularly cleaned by the City.
VI. The system of overnight lots should be funded by revenues from the issuance of \(R V\) parking permits.


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\title{
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE CALABASAS MUNCIPAL CODE REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
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\section*{SECTION 1. CODE AMENDMENT.}

Title 10 of the Calabasas Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Chapter 10.16 to read as set forth below:

\section*{Chapter 10.16}

\section*{REGULATION OF ON-STREET PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, UTILITY TRAILERS AND CAMPERS}

\section*{SECTIONS:}
10.16.010 Definitions
10.16.020 On-Street Parking Prohibition
10.16.030 Parking Pass
10.16.040 Posting of Notice
10.16.010 Definitions.

The words, terms, phrases, and their derivations set forth in this chapter have the meanings set forth below.
A. "Camper" means a structure designed to be mounted upon a motor vehicle and to provide facilities for human habitation or camping purposes.
B. "Recreational Vehicle" means a vehicle or trailer which is capable of human habitation or designed or used for recreational camping or travel use, whether self-propelled or mounted on or drawn by another vehicle, or any structure inspected, approved and designated a recreational vehicle by and bearing the insignia of the state of California or any other state or federal agency having the authority to approve recreational vehicles. "Recreational Vehicle" includes, without limitation, any of the following: (i) camp trailer, as defined by California Vehicle Code section 242; (ii) fifth-wheel travel trailer, as defined by California Vehicle Code section 324; (iii) house car, as defined by California Vehicle Code section 362; (iv) trailer coach, as defined by California Vehicle Code section 635; (v) mobilehome, as defined by California Vehicle Code section 396; (vi) boat, watercraft, and/or a trailer for a boat or watercraft; (vii) trailers designed to carry persons, property or animals on its own structure and to be drawn by a
motor vehicle; and (viii) recreational vehicle, as defined by California Health and Safety Code section 18010.
C. "Utility Trailer" means a non-motorized vehicle designed to carry persons, property, animals, waste, materials, or any other items on its own structure and to be drawn by another motor vehicle which is not designed for recreational purposes.

\subsection*{10.16.020 On-Street Parking Prohibition.}
A. No person shall park or leave standing any recreational vehicle, utility trailer, or camper upon any public street or highway at any time within city limits.
B. This section shall not apply to any person who is actually engaged in the loading or unloading of any recreational vehicle, utility trailer, or camper or is actually engaged in making emergency repairs thereto. Further, this section shall not apply to any commercial vehicle making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares, and merchandise from or to any building or structure located on a public street or highway within the city or delivering materials to be used in the actual and bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling, or construction of any building or structure within the city for which a building permit has previously been obtained.
C. Violation of this section is hereby deemed to be an infraction and is punishable pursuant to chapter 1.16 of this code. Furthermore, pursuant to section 22651 of the California Vehicle Code, any recreational vehicle, utility trailer, or camper parked or left standing on a public street or highway within the city in violation of this section may be removed from the street or highway.

\subsection*{10.16.030 Parking Pass}

Notwithstanding section 10.16 .020 of this code, a recreational vehicle, trailer, or camper may be parked the city if a 72 -hour parking pass is issued pursuant to this section. The purpose of a parking pass is to allow users of recreational vehicles, utility trailers, and campers to park adjacent to their residences or businesses to load and unload and to allow out-of-town visitors to park in front of the residence which they are visiting for a limited time period. The provisions of this section shall not supersede any covenants, conditions and restrictions or other private agreements. The terms of such parking passes shall be as follows:
A. Issuance of pass. Parking passes shall be issued by the city manager upon receipt of an application on a form the city manager shall establish for that purpose. Any resident of the city may obtain a parking pass authorizing him or her to park such a vehicle in front of his or her residence or place of business. Any out-of-town visitor of a residence may obtain a parking pass authorizing the visitor to park such vehicle in front of such residence, but may not reside in that vehicle overnight while it is so parked, or run water, waste or power lines to the vehicle over a public right of way. For purposes of this section, "out-of-town visitor" means any person who does not resides in the city.
B. Description of pass; display. The parking pass shall include the license number of the vehicle authorized to be parked, the date of issuance, and the day the parking pass is valid. Such pass shall be placed in the vehicle in such a manner as to be clearly visible to traffic enforcement officers.
C. Duration and renewal. The parking pass shall be valid for 72 hours. Upon expiration of a parking pass issued under this section, the applicant may apply for and be granted a parking pass if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth herein. In no event shall more than two (2) parking passes be issued to an applicant within a thirty-day period.

\subsection*{10.16.040 \\ Posting of Notice}

Appropriate signs or markings giving adequate notice of the restrictions provided for in this chapter shall be placed upon the affected streets and highways. Notice of removal of vehicle for violation of this chapter shall also be provided.

\section*{SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.}

Should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

\section*{SECTION 3. CONSTRUCTION.}

The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not to duplicate or contradict, applicable state and federal law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent. To the extent the provisions of the Calabasas Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as it read prior to the effectiveness of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.

\section*{SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; AMORTIZATION OF LEGAL NONCONFORMING USES.}

This Ordinance shall take effect 60 days after its adoption.

\section*{SECTION 5. CERTIFICATION.}

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted according to law.```


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[^1]:    Due to the sign of the times we have been receiving many phone calls from the community from people that are in need of our services but are not in position to pay. We offer family counseling, individual counseling, anger management, substance abuse, parenting, domestic violence. These sessions are for adult as well as adolescent.

    We offer English and Spanish.
    The funds would be used to argument those families that do not have enough money and or any money to pay for services.

