



Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

May 1, 2023, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: Kosher Pizza Station 8965 W. Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035

The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. General Public Comment is limited to 15 minutes maximum. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer decides differently.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call- Current Committee Members

- a. Co-chairs: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm
- b. Committee members: Michael Lynn, Richard Bloom, Sophia French, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Bill Gross, Joseph Mollaie, Melinda Chuarn, Sheina Gilbert, Daniel Braum

4. General Public Comment

5. Approval of Outstanding Public Safety Committee Minutes

6. Community Reports

- a. LAPD (Ojeda, Baker)
 - i. Discussion and possible action to have street vending enforced.
 - ii. Bridge housing enforcement on La Cienega.
 - iii. Safety Concerns, Business disruption and violation of 41.18 of a camper and encampment on the South West corner of La Cienega and Pickford Street and next steps to address the long term plan for resource refusal/resistant individuals that have been camping in this area for a long time

- b. LAFD
- c. Office of CD 5 The Melaleuca trees at RRC are a safety hazard and need to be inspected and trimmed citing recent tree failure.
- d. Office of CD 10
- e. Office of City Attorney

7. Brief Committee Announcements

- a. Items for Future Public Safety Committee Agendas
- b. Other Brief Committee Announcements

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to open alleys at Holt and Sherbourne.
- b. Discussion and possible action to write an opposition letter of the closure of the alley on Cadillac.
- c. Discussion and possible action to send letter to CD 5 and CD 10 for speed survey on 18th Street at Preuss for possible stop sign.
- d. Discussion and possible action on increased crime at the La Cienega Plaza and surrounding areas.

9. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to have a first responder appreciation day.
- b. Discussion and possible action to have a town hall meeting on child protection.
- c. Discussion and possible action to have a Public Safety town hall with CPR and Overdose training on July 23, 2023.
- d. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose [Council File 23-0036](#): Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation /Unarmed officers. In recent months, there have been a number of uncivil disruptions and unrest at Los Angeles City Council meetings by members of the public. These disruptions have effectively shut down the conduct of the people's business, resulting in meeting delays and the Council being unable to address important stakeholder concerns. Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez has introduced this resolution to develop mediation methods, rather than enforcement, to deal with uncivil and unlawful disruptions at meetings. The motion also seeks a report on disarming police, who protect our City Council members. Such changes would be unworkable and dangerous. Speakers and audience members at meetings should follow the rules while engaged in civic discourse, not break them. The proposals would only encourage lawlessness and more disruptions of Council operations, and threaten the safety and security of our elected representatives. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0036. LINK: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0036>
- e. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. Assemblymember Gabriel has introduced an Assembly bill that would impose a state excise tax on firearms and ammunition costing Californians \$110 million each year. This bill would only result in further, unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Californians. It would prevent many Angelenos from being able to afford a firearm for self-defense in crime-plagued

neighborhoods. A tax on ammo and firearms simply would not prevent criminals and gangs from committing violent acts. At a time when crime rates are up and local district attorneys are not prosecuting many crimes, the right to self-defense by law-abiding citizens should be encouraged and not hindered. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S28. LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S28>

- f. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support [Council File 23-0002-S29](#): Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. Catalytic converter thefts have been on the rise throughout the state. 1,600 catalytic converters are stolen every month in the state. Thousands are stolen every year in Los Angeles alone. More needs to be done to stop this criminal scourge. [Senate Bill 55](#) has been introduced in the Senate to prohibit the sale of new or used vehicles unless the VIN has been engraved or etched onto the converter. This would make it more difficult for thieves to fence stolen converters, and thereby reduce thefts. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S29. LINK:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S29>
- g. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support [Council File 23-0002-S43](#): Title, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB43 / Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. This bill would revise the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) that governs involuntary detention and mental health treatment for individuals found to be a danger to themselves or others. It would expand the definition of what constitutes being “gravely disabled” to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or substance abuse disorder. This change in the law would make it easier for authorities to get mentally ill and drug-addicted homeless individuals off of the streets and into life-saving treatment programs. This is a practical way to deal with the service resistant homeless who continually refuse help by outreach workers. It would benefit not only the affected individuals and their families but local neighborhoods adversely affected by criminal activity and open drug use of the service resistant. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S43. LINK:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S43>
- h. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support supports [Council File 23-0002-S32](#), Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. State [Assembly bill 1082](#) would weaken the laws on removing vehicles that have been issued 5 or more parking citations and prevent DMV registration for unpaid parking penalties. The bill would: (1) prevent a peace officer from removing a vehicle with 5 or more parking citations; (2) repeal the authority to conduct a lien sale of a towed and stored vehicle; and (3) extend the authority to remove a vehicle with an expired registration from 6 months to one year. The lessening of penalties on parking scofflaws would only encourage more lawlessness and increase the number of abandoned vehicles in our

city. Councilmember Lee's motion OPPOSES this impractical Assembly bill. LINKS:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1082
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S32>

10. Adjournment

Note: Public comment will be taken for each item where there is discussion and possible action. Public comment and/or participation may occur on other items at the discretion of the Chair. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on matters brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue may become the subject of a future meeting. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the Chair.

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